

Seventeenth 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,

As I write, there is another one of those frightful things churning off the coast and threatening us again. Tropical Storm Hannah is setting its eyes on our shores and once again, we find ourselves scrambling to secure things and hunker down for some high winds and heavy rains. Though it likely will not be as much of a threat as Hurricane Harvey was a couple of years ago, there is a lot to be nervous about. Any such storm gives us pause, given the fact that the last time, there were so many who were greatly affected by Mother Nature's wrath.

Whenever we are preparing for a big storm, it is natural for us to consider protecting those things that are most important to us. We might think about how to protect precious photographs or important documents, like insurance documents, wills, etc. We also might secure things like computers, prized mementos, or valuable jewelry, electronics, and the like. Even though we make efforts to protect all our possessions, we evaluate and prioritize certain things that are most valuable; things that we don't want to lose if disaster strikes.

It is always hard to make such choices about what are our most precious possessions. Inevitably, something has to be left behind. Chances are, there are lots of things that we hold valuable that might have to be sacrificed for something more precious to us. This exercise in developing priorities is not a bad thing to do. It reminds us that much of what we place our emphasis on is not all that important in the grand scheme of things.

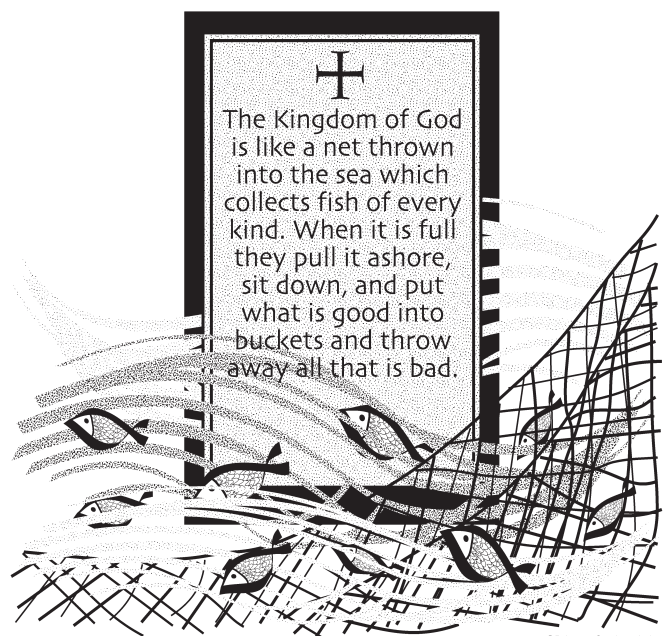
Often, when natural disaster strikes, and when people who have lost all their worldly possessions are interviewed, the one refrain we hear them say is "Thank God I have my life and my family. Things can be replaced, but life and family can't be." Obviously, no one would take lightly the tragic loss of property and possessions. It is so difficult for people to pick up the pieces when they have practically no pieces to pick up. But, in the end, we regard life as a supreme good and we are grateful for its preservation.

Ultimately, the gospel this weekend highlights for us what is our greatest treasure. We might lose lots of things, but if we lose the Kingdom of God, or rather if we lose the gift of faith, we would be lost. God is everything. It is God who affords us hope. It is God who supplies us with the reason to forge ahead in the most desperate conditions. It is God who gives us life and life to the full.

What an amazing thing when we view the Kingdom of God as our greatest treasure! It transforms us and frees us. It brings us supreme joy. Often, those who have many possessions become enslaved by them. They become preoccupied with them to the point that they become miserable constantly trying to safeguard them. It is something that becomes consuming and thus, such a person loses freedom because they have given themselves to the possessions. At the same time, they lose a sense of being loved, because they have given their love to something that is oriented toward themselves. There is no love in that. Love cannot be authentic if it is self-oriented. It must always be other-oriented. In the Kingdom of God, however, there is an abiding sense of God's love and trust replaces worry and fear.

If we only discovered the treasure that is ours through the gift of faith, our spirit would soar. What do we need to let go of in order to possess the Kingdom of God? What are those huge obstacles that keep preventing us from obtaining that treasure? Let's devote ourselves to applying our best resources to seeking that treasure above all things!

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† *May He Rest in Peace*

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

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Mrs. Mitos Quijano & Mr. Rafael Barrica, 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.

Blood Drive This Sunday!

Giving so that others may live.

The next Blood Drive here at St. Pius is scheduled for this Sunday, July 26th, from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Photo I.D. required.

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

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

Teaching Positions at John Paul II High School

St. John Paul II High School is seeking applicants for the 2020-2021 school year for the following positions:

- Part time US History
- Part time Algebra
- Part time Health / Girls PE

If interested, please visit our website at jpiihighschool.org for more details.

(For the 20-21 school year, JP II is planning to operate a limited classroom capacity, hybrid model school to support public health.)

Farewell to Fr. Tung Tran

It seems that Fr. Tung just arrived and now suddenly, we must say farewell. Fr. Tung joined our staff as Parochial Vicar shortly after Easter, on May 1st. He came to us during the time of the pandemic and unfortunately, we were not able to give him a fitting welcoming at the time. Fr. Tran quickly endeared himself to our parishioners over the past three months, and we joyfully welcomed his new companion "Goldie", a pet bird, and then "Guapo" another bird that replaced Goldie when he died unexpectedly. We looked forward to Fr. Tran settling in here, but almost as quickly as he arrived, he will be departing us. Fr. Tran has been assigned as Parochial Administrator of St. Peter Parish in Fulton, TX. St. Peter's is a Vietnamese parish, which was devastated by Hurricane Harvey a couple of years ago. Fr. Tran will not only be ministering to the needs of the Vietnamese community there in his native tongue, but he will also have charge of rebuilding the parish in the wake of the devastation. He has his work cut out for him. This will not be the last that we see Fr. Tran though. He will return from time to time to help with the Sunday evening Vietnamese Masses here at St. Pius X Parish. We wish Fr. Tran all the best in his new assignment and we keep him in our prayers in the days and years ahead. In the meantime, Fr. Paul will be administering the parish by himself until such time as another priest becomes available. We will see visiting priests from time to time to assist with Masses and confessions. God bless you in your new tour of duty, Fr. Tran!

Welcome Again to Seminarian Raymond Pendleton!

Bishop Mulvey has assigned Raymond Pendleton, a seminarian for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, to do his pastoral year training here at St. Pius X. Raymond just completed his second year of Theological studies at the North American College in Rome and now will be doing some hands-on training in a parish setting. Raymond was with us previously for a summer, and then again this summer. He has been helping teach a class on Monday evenings with our other Seminarian, Michael Golla. We look forward to Raymond's presence here over the next several months and to his contributions to parish life. Please keep him in your prayers and welcome him wholeheartedly when you see him!

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, July 26th

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

Monday, July 27th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

Tuesday, July 28th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

Wednesday, July 29th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 5:30PM – Mass - CH

Thursday, July 30th

- 8:15AM – Mass - CH

- 7:00PM – Adoration – CH

- 7:15-7:50PM – Confessions - PH

Friday, July 31st

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 5:30PM – Mass – CH

Saturday, August 1st

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 10:00AM – Baptism Class – CC#2

- 4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - PH

- 5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH

Sunday, August 2nd

- 8:00AM – Mass – CH

- 10:00AM – Mass – CH

- 5:30PM – Mass - CH

- 7:30PM - Vietnamese Mass - CH



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

Saturday, July 25th

Mass Intentions



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

Sunday, July 26th

8:00AM † Adela Villarreal by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

10:00AM David Russell's birthday Int's. by DeAnna Havel
For the Parishioners

5:30PM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

Monday, July 27th

8:15AM † John Kelly Annv. by K.K.H.

Tuesday, July 28th

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

Wednesday, July 29th

8:15AM † Celia Cruse Annv. by Children & Grandchildren
Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa

† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.

Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly

† Jeanne Baish by her family

† Jay Janny by Susan & Stephen Karp

† Gabriel Hinojosa by David & Beth Hinojosa

5:30PM † James W. Kelly, Sr., & Helen P. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Alex Garcia, Jr. by Donald & Susan Taft

† Lawrence Hynds by Mary Ann Guthrig

John C., Kelly's well-being by James Kelly

James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

Thursday, July 30th

8:15AM † Raymond Richter by David & Barbara Brown

Friday, July 31st

8:15AM † Carlos A. Wagner Annv. by his family

5:30PM † Rudy & Olga Reyes by Shelly Hinojosa

Saturday, August 1st

8:15AM † Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

5:30PM † Juliet Ordener Johnson by Sandra & Randy Ordener

Sunday, August 2nd

8:00AM For the Parishioners

10:00AM † Jesusa Ramirez by Irma Ramirez

† Stella Campos Annv. by her family

5:30PM † Raul Saenz by Anita Saenz

Financial Report for Sunday 7/19/2020

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,502.00
Sunday Online	\$8,742.00
Memorial.....	\$100.00
Total Operating Revenue...	\$16,344.00

Other Contributions:

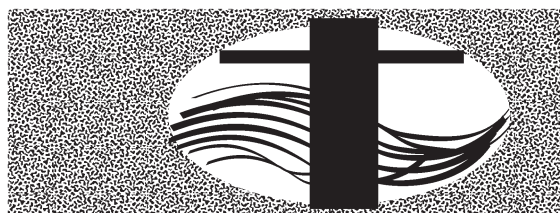
Acts of Charity	\$691.00
Church in Africa	\$140.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$831.00

Total Contributions..... \$17,175.00

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, 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, Dora Garza, Raquel 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, George Hoelscher, 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, Sam Morris, 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.