

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

The floodlights illuminated the sanctuary of the Cathedral as the bishop laid his hands upon the heads of two seminarians, Raymond Pendleton and Thomas Swierc. The silence of the moment was profound. The bishop was continuing what has been done for centuries. In this simple, yet ancient gesture, he was ordaining two men to the diaconal ministry with a view to their eventual ordination to the priesthood.

Following the rites of ordination, the two men turned around to face the congregation and immediately, the entire body applauded in approval of what had just taken place. Tears were shed and emotions lifted everyone in the moment of inspiration. Just a week-and-a-half prior to this night, two men, Carlos De La Rosa & Charles Silvas, were ordained to the priesthood. As I mentioned at the Masses last weekend, Fr. Carlos has been appointed to St. Pius X. Deacon Thomas Swierc will also be assigned here through the beginning of August.

It is always inspiring to witness the response on the part of men like these to the call of Jesus Christ to go into the world and proclaim the Good News. Like those early disciples, these men are commissioned to go out like lambs among among wolves to proclaim Jesus Christ. As a priest who has answered the call, I have seen the amazing things that God does in the lives and hearts of people. I've seen healing, I have seen burdens lifted, I have seen conversions of heart, and in many respects, I have even seen Satan fall like lightening from the sky as did Jesus in this weekend's gospel. When people are freed from their sins and burdens and when they cling more firmly to Christ, it is as if the grasp of evil is dispelled and the power of goodness takes hold.

While it was a blessing to see the ordinations of these men, there is a grave reality that still exists. It is the same reality that Jesus proclaimed in his own day. The reality is that the "harvest is abundant but the laborers are few". We simply do not have the vocation rates that we would like or need. This has been true in every age, but it is particularly true now, which makes the ordination of seminarians all the more glorious. Thank God there are some who are saying "yes" to the Lord, even if there is a greater need.

Following Jesus' instruction, we need to pray that the "master of the harvest" will send out "laborers for his harvest". We need to pray more fervently that young men respond to the call of the Lord to serve as his priests. If we don't have priests, we don't have the Eucharist. If we don't have the Eucharist, we will not have faith. Aside from the Eucharist, we need priests who can administer the sacrament of reconciliation and all of the other sacraments. This is the life of faith. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to pray daily for vocations, whether it be a "Hail Mary" an "Our Father", or any dedicated prayer for vocations. I am convinced that prayers for vocations work. In fact, I attribute my own vocation to the prayers that my family prayed for vocations when I was growing up. Little did I know that that prayer was for ME!

The other thing I would urge is for families to live a life of faith in the home. Make every effort to bring regular prayer into the family meals, or in the mornings or at night. When children grow up immersed in faith, it inspires them to want to dedicate their lives to the Lord. Read the scriptures at home. Attend church faithfully. Send your children to religious education. Also, encourage them to



*Let all the earth
worship and sing
praise to the Lord!
Come and see the
works of God,
his wondrous deeds
among the children
of Adam.*

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consider a vocation, whether it be to the priesthood or the consecrated life. What a sad thing it would be if we discouraged a child from following the promptings of the Holy Spirit to serve in the Church!

As we celebrate this weekend recognizing Independence Day, we remember all those who have sacrificed themselves for our freedom in this country. We also honor those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. Typically, we wouldn't give a second thought to encouraging a young man or woman or a son or a daughter if they wanted to join the military, and rightfully so. We recognize the importance of serving the nation, as well as the sacrifice it involves. We celebrate this weekend our liberty and the things that make our country great. It is a time to be patriotic and to take stock of what a blessing it is to live in this fine nation.

As we reflect on these things, let us also take stock of the blessing it is to be a people of faith. Let's also embrace the sacrifices involved in living our faith. If we teach our children the value of sacrifice for a greater good - namely, the good of the spread of the gospel message and the promotion of the Truth, we will have plenty of vocations. In sending the 72 forth to preach in his name, Jesus instructed them to live simply and to practice personal sacrifice. This enabled them to focus on the mission and made them more effective ministers. If we can embrace the same principles, we will find that God will bless us abundantly.

Praise God for our new priests and transitional deacons. Pray for them that they will persevere and be effective ministers of word and sacrament for years to come! And blessings to all of you as we celebrate our nations independence. Happy Fourth of July!

May He Rest in Peace

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

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 4th, in observance of the July 4th holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th, at 9:00 a.m.

Join Us in Praying the Rosary

Join us on Sundays in the church at 7:30am prior to the 8:00am Mass or at 9:25am prior to the 10am Mass to pray the Rosary.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Saturday: 8:15AM*

Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM

Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM

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 Thursdays 7:00-7:50PM

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

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: First Friday Healing Mass or by request.

Join Us In Congratulating Deacons Raymond Pendleton & Thomas Swierc

Join us for a luncheon congratulating Deacon Raymond Pendleton & Deacon Thomas Swierc, who were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate this past Wednesday. The luncheon will take place following the 12:00 noon Mass in the Parish Hall, July 3, 2022.

Blood Drive at St. Pius

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, July 10th, from 9- 2 p.m. Appointments are recommended & walk-ins are welcome! Call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 or go to their website at coastalbendbloodcenter.org. Donors will receive a T-shirt & a pair of Hooks Baseball tickets.

VBS - Full to Capacity!

We've reached our capacity for children for Vacation Bible School. Just a reminder for those of you who have registered, VBS takes place here the week of July 11th - 15th, from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Drop-off and pick-up each day is at the youth center.

Want to Sponsor an Exchange Student?

If you are interested in sharing our culture and the American way of life, consider sponsoring an International Exchange student for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Mrs. Lajuna Dixon at 903-873-5488.

Spend Quality Time With The Lord!

Do you feel as though you are running out of steam? Do you feel distant from God? Do you enjoy your relationship with God? We would like to invite you to an hour of prayer in the church every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come spend some time in the presence of the Lord in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. You're guaranteed to feel rejuvenated and more peaceful after passing time in the presence of Our Savior!

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Monday, July 4th

All week- VBS set up - CC#1/2, CAF

Tuesday, July 5th

Wednesday, July 6th

Thursday, July 7th

7:00PM - Adoration - CH

Confessions - CH

Friday, July 8th

2:00PM - Baptism - CH

Saturday, July 9th

4:00-5:00PM - Confessions - CH

Sunday, July 10th

9:00AM - 2:00PM - BLOOD DRIVE



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

Saturday, July 2nd

Mass Intentions



8:15AM † Neva Reumuth by the Reumuth Family

5:30PM † Ken Morgan by Lucy Boyd

Sunday, July 3rd

8:00AM † Chris, John & Patricia Janosek by Jennifer Janosek

10:00AM † Vernon Krause by Bob & Judy Buchanan

12:00PM For the Parishioners

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

Monday, July 4th

8:15AM † Pat & Patrick DeGregorio by their family

Tuesday, July 5th

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

Wednesday, July 6th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's health by his family

† Lowell & Alice Didear by their family

† Ronnie Mikulik by David Newman

† Ken & Liz Morgan by Gerry & Kathy Clark

† 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

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Teachers/students at Robb Elementary by Mary Vasquez

Nina De La Garza's health by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

5:30PM † Charlotte Groner by Thomas Groner

† Claude T. Allen, Sr. by Joyce Zarsky

† Maury Jarrell by Wynette Jarrell

† Gloria & Jerry Alvarez by Randy & Lynelle Murphy

Powell family Intentions

Lilian 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

† Frances Thompson by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig

Thursday, July 7th

8:15AM † Beatriz Salinas by her family

Friday, July 8th

8:15AM † Ken Morgan by Lucy Boyd

5:30 PM † Reynaldo Ramirez by Irma Ramirez

Saturday, July 9th

5:30PM † Betty Whitaker by D. Havel

Sunday, July 10th

8:00AM † Chris, John & Patricia Janosek by John & Debra Janosek

10:00AM † Deacon George Phillips by Martha Saenz

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

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Financial Report for Sunday 6/26/2022

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$8,009.70

Sunday Online \$6,293.75

Other Income..... \$509.00

Total Operating Revenue... \$14,812.45

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$323.00

Donation to Quilters..... \$20.00

Peter's Pence \$318.00

Church in Africa \$10.00

Total Other Contributions..... \$671.00

Total Contributions..... \$15,483.45

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Connie Alvarado, Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Tom Arangua, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Kayla Beck, Elida Benavides, Felipe Benavidez, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Linda Bodie, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy & Carolyn Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Belle Carson, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Carole Cotter, Nicole Cuellar, Harly Day, Sandy DeGregorio, Pud'n Dellinger, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Bobby Floyd, Jay Francis, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Alfredo Garcia, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Chuck Gross, Felix Guerra, Jr., Pauline Guinn, Beatrice Gurule, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Lorena Kolanski, Frank Kolda, Sharon Koomos, Dennis Kramer, James Lawrence, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Pearl Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher & Linda Manka, Gary Marshall, Gilbert Martinez, Irene Martinez, Virginia Mathis, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Fred Mitchell, Billy Monti, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Sandra Nicolas, Trent O'Connell, John & Jerilynn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Rosa Pangilinan, Linda Park, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Patricia Riek, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Luis Salazar, Sandra Salinas, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Charles Skrobarczyk, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Gloria Swantner, Sharon Terry, Ernie Trevino, Mary Vasquez, Wally Whitworth, Jr., Helen Witzsche, Joe Zepeda and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

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