

Twelfth 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,

Have you noticed how many worthwhile things in life require us to overcome fear? In some way, working through fear is part and parcel of what it means to grow as a human being.

A number of years ago, when I was a little more fit than I am now, some university students and I went out to Lake Corpus Christi for a little outing. I was chaplain at the Catholic Student Center at the time and the family of one of the students offered their lake house for us to use. They also offered to take us out on the lake in their boat to do a little water-skiing.

I had never done any water-skiing before, and was a little apprehensive about trying something so daring. Sure, I had learned how to do snow skiing some years prior, but I figured water-skiing might be about as intimidating. Despite my hesitation, I knew I needed to give it a try. I couldn't let the students show me up by my refusing to try. I just had to overcome my fear.

I listened to the instructions given to me and jumped into the water. I got my skis on, grabbed the tow line, and got into position. I tried to run all of the instructions through my mind as I waited nervously to give the driver of the boat the signal to go. I took a deep breath, mustered up a little courage, and gave the signal. The driver of the boat accelerated, and I felt the tug in the line and pretty much immediately, I lost control and plummeted face-forward into the water. So much for gracefully pulling up out of the water and gliding across the surface!

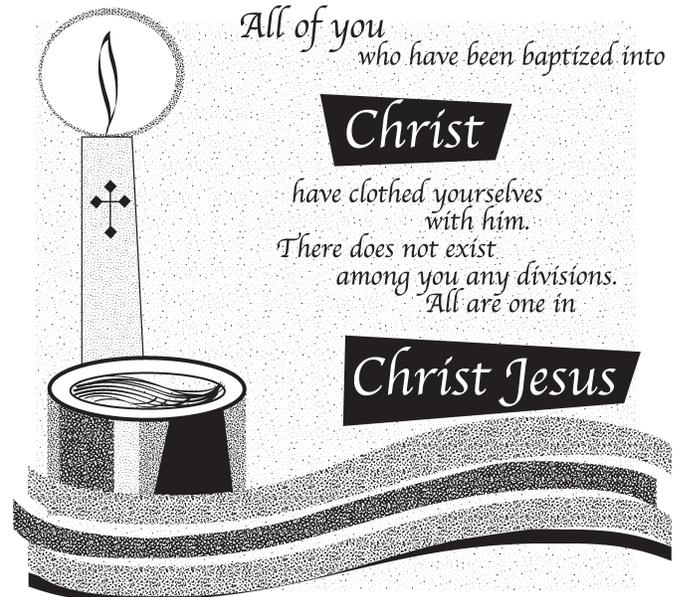
I probably inhaled some water into my lungs, and at that point was doubtful that I could even get up on the skis, but I decided to give it another go. I got my skis back on my feet, grabbed the line and got into position. I gave the signal and we took off again. This time, I made some adjustments and managed to keep the skis under me and my hands on the line. I miraculously pulled up out of the water and glided across the surface! At that point, my snow-skiing experience kicked in and I was able to do a little in the way of a slalom in the wake of the boat. I felt an exhilaration as I continued to cut through the water. I was getting the hang of this new thrill ride! More importantly, I was grateful that I didn't make a fool out of myself in front of a bunch of university students!

There are many fears that we have to overcome in order to accomplish things in life if we are to thrive. When applying for a job, we have to face the intimidating interview. When trying to play on a high school football team, we have to try out. When taking on a leadership position, we sometimes have to face the fear of talking in front of a group of people, especially when there is a sensitive subject. When trying to patch up a soured relationship, we have to risk breaking the silence, or even admitting mistakes.

It is amazing how crippling fear can be sometimes. We can avoid facing it or we can allow it to prevent us from moving forward. We can miss out on new experiences – experiences that we might actually enjoy – all because of fear.

At some point, we just have to tackle the fear that presents itself to us. This is especially true when it comes to fears regarding our faith. In the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "Fear no one." He also says later: "So do not be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows." Jesus is telling his disciples not to shy away from giving witness to him. He tells them further, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

It is interesting that one of the things we sometimes fear the most is displaying our



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faith in public. Wearing ashes publicly on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday may not intimidate us very much, but talking about our faith or letting others know that we go to church on Sundays might strike great fear in our hearts. Sometimes it is because we feel inadequate to talk about it because we are afraid to reveal our ignorance. At other times, though, we just don't want to subject ourselves to ridicule.

Whatever the case may be, we are urged to be courageous. We should not let petty fears rule us. Instead, we should gladly show forth our faith and not be afraid. We may be surprised how people react positively to our witnessing to Christ in the public square. Sure, some may ridicule us, but in the end, such behavior is not important. Giving witness to Christ will always pay off in ways that we don't expect. Let's get over our fear and let's proclaim Christ from the housetops! After all, our world needs to hear about Christ more and more! We might be surprised at the outcome!

† **May They Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Ray and Teresa Tillapaugh, who were buried through our parish over the past couple of weeks and for Ariel "Alex" Garcia, Jr. whose funeral Mass was held here this past week. Please keep the families in your prayers.

Welcome to St. Pius!

Please welcome Douglas & Kate Salik and their children, Kayla, Erin, & Reagan, who recently registered at our parish. We are glad to have them as an active part of our growing faith community.

Father's Day Novena

The Father's Day Novena starts today Sunday, June 21st, at 5:30 pm Mass. It's not too late to turn in your envelope.

A Prayer for Father's

Dear God, Thank you for all the fathers and father-figures in this world and for the many ways you use them to lovingly guide others to Your heart. I ask that you would bless them and give them great joy and peace. May they see You and know You in new ways. Show them how much you love them and care about them. Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others as you continue to fulfill your special purpose for their lives. Amen.

Lost & Found

There are numerous items that have been found in the church and placed in the lost & found. If you are missing a pair of glasses, jacket, gloves, etc., and think that you might have left them in the church, please come by the parish office, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm, to see if we might have it. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of this month.

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

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.

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!

Confession Times Returning to Normal

Now that we have streamlined our disinfecting procedures and our reopening has become more normalized, we are returning to our normal confession times on the weekend. We have confessions on Thursdays, from 7:15 pm to 7:50 pm and on Saturdays from 4:00pm – 5:00pm and 6:30pm – 7:30 pm. All confessions are currently being held in the parish hall so that we do not have to disinfect the church prior to or after Mass.

Weekend Mass Times

Currently, our weekend Mass times are:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:30 pm

The parish hall is available for overflow at the 10:00 am Mass. The Mass will be live-streamed in the hall and seating is 6 feet apart. Communion will be distributed to anyone who is in the hall.

We are planning on adding our 12:00 noon Mass again on the first Sunday of July.

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.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, June 21st

8:00AM – Mass – CH

10:00AM – Mass - CH

7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

Monday, June 22nd

8:15AM – Mass – CH

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Tuesday, June 23rd

8:15AM – Mass – CH

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2:00PM – Wedding - CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

Wednesday, June 24th

8:15AM – Mass - CH

8:15AM – Mass - CH

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Friday, June 26th

8:15AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

Saturday, June 27th

4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - PH

5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH

6:30-7:30PM – Confessions - PH

Sunday, June 28th

8:00AM – Mass – CH

10:00AM – Mass - CH

10:00AM – Mass - CH

7:30PM - Vietnamese Mass

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



Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 20th

5:30PM † Cristina Villarreal & Alicia De Luna Annv. by E. Garza

Sunday, June 21st

8:00AM † Alice Didear Annv. by her family

10:00AM † John J. McHugh by Delfina McHugh

12:00PM For the Parishioners

5:30PM Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 22nd

8:15AM Father's Day Novena

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Wednesday, June 24th

8:15AM Father's Day Novena

5:30PM † Elsie Samperi Annv. by Mary Fodor

† J. E. Reumuth by the Reumuth family

† Christina Bratton by her family

† Pat DeGregorio by his family

† Elizabeth Diemert by Margaret Diemert

† Sandra Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

† Bessie Matula Annv. by Al & Adelle Hesse

† Buck Kelly by Ken & Liz Morgan

† James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Albert & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

Lilian Van Hoofs & John C. Kelly well-being by James Kelly

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

Thursday, June 25th

8:15AM Father's Day Novena

Friday, June 26th

8:15AM Father's Day Novena

5:30PM † Rudy G. Leal by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa families

Saturday, June 27th

5:30PM Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 28th

8:00AM Father's Day Novena

10:00AM † Behn Hubbard by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig

12:00PM † Jennifer Ramirez Annv. by Irma Ramirez

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Gratitude to the Men's Club

Over the years, the Men's Club has assisted the parish in numerous ways, by maintaining our grounds in their beautiful condition, putting up decorations for the holidays, changing lights in the church, and lots of other projects. They have literally saved the parish thousands and thousands of dollars. We want to express our gratitude to them for taking on the challenge of acting as ushers and disinfecting the church during this pandemic. Some of them have come to multiple Masses on the weekend just to assure that the reopening has been safe. Thanks men for all you do!

Financial Report for Sunday 6/14/2020

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$15,652.19
Sunday Online \$5,130.00
Other Income \$370.00
Memorials \$75.00
Total Operating Revenue... \$21,227.19

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$105.00
Janosek Scholarship \$225.00
Habeeb Scholarship \$75.00
Total Other Contributions..... \$405.00

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Diocesan Loan--Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)

Amount borrowed \$389,469.05
Principal pd (4/30/20) \$137,549.22
Ending balance..... \$251,919.83

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, 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, 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.