

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Have you ever regretted not sticking with something? Perhaps it was a particular hobby that you wanted to pursue or a class that you were taking? Maybe you started a project that you left incomplete or a friendship that you wanted to keep up with that you let get away from you? It could be that you got things underway and then realized that the job you were undertaking was much more involved than you expected and you abandoned whatever you were working on. Virtually all of us have those little things that we have left undone in life.

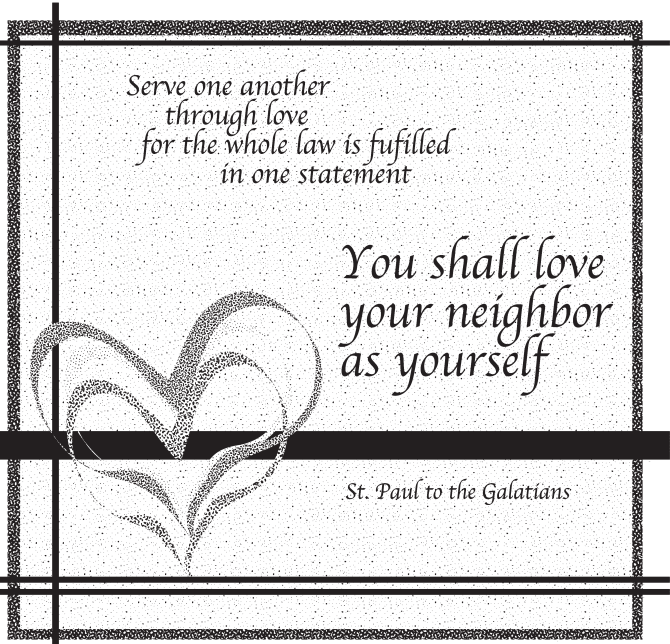
In my own case, I could say that there are a few things that I regret not having followed through on. For instance, a number of years ago, I started to work on an oil painting of a scene that I had photographed in Venice, Italy. I had never really seriously dabbled in oil painting before, but I wanted to try my hand at it. I bought a canvas, acquired some oil paints, bought some turpentine and brushes, and started drawing a general outline of the scene that I wanted to paint. Then I grabbed my brush and set out to put paint to canvas. For not having any formal training in the technique of oil painting, I was fairly pleased with my progress. There were obviously a lot of things to consider, such as what color I should use, what shades should I begin with, and what technique should I utilize? I spent a couple of hours over a couple of days working on it. As things typically happen, though, I got distracted by my priestly obligations and other events that the work on the painting got put on the back-burner. Consequently, I never finished the work because life got in the way.

Last year, I was determined to use some of my free time to develop my ukelele playing skills because I was given a ukelele as a gift. Someone had seen a video that I had posted on Facebook of me messing around on a ukelele in an antique shop and decided that I should have one. For a few weeks, I was diligent about learning new chords and developing my technique during the little moments of free time that I had at night time before going to sleep. I watched some videos and learned a few songs. I even went to a ukelele group that meets at a local coffee shop. Now, my ukelele sits in its case, just a few feet from me as I type this letter. Unfortunately, I let the daily responsibilities and distractions get in the way of my mastering the instrument.

Unless we are the kind of person that excels in everything we try, most of us have something that we regret not having followed through on. We easily get distracted or we fail to weigh the time and the commitment necessary to follow through.

In the gospel today, Jesus confronts the issue that most of us face with regard to being his disciple. For him, there are no half-measures. If we are to follow him, it must be a total commitment. It requires focus and perseverance. Each of us senses the call, but it is so hard to give ourselves totally to him. In fact, we tend to compartmentalize the following of Christ as just another thing that we tack on to our lives. We have the tendency to include Jesus in some aspects of our lives, but we are reluctant to plunge in completely. Usually, we hold back, or our discipleship of Christ takes a secondary place amidst all of the other tasks and preoccupations that we have in life.

It is not that we don't have good intentions, it's just that we often have difficulty fully committing ourselves. Jesus encountered three people along his path to Jerusalem who were each enthusiastic about following him. Unfortunately, each had excuses for not immediately making a commitment. Each found something they needed to take care of first. Aren't we the same? Isn't it true that, when we look at what discipleship requires, we hesitate? Isn't it true that we often dwell upon the past or on our earthly attachments and we feel tied down or conflicted? Sometimes, we deal with emotional struggles that are based upon past events and they often cripple us



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or keep us from making that commitment to Christ. Whatever the case may be, Jesus tells us that we cannot keep looking back. We cannot keep dwelling upon the things that we are leaving behind. That only inhibits us from experiencing the true freedom that comes in being a true follower. What is holding you back? If we want to be his disciples, we can't dwell on what we've sacrificed. We need to keep our eyes fixed on him and not turn back! God bless!

† May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Michael Winstead, whose funeral Mass was held here last week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Fortnight For Freedom

Religious freedom is something that must be safeguarded, and is constantly under threat, not only in many other countries throughout the world, but even in our own country. We encourage you to participate again in the Fortnight for Freedom this year, from June 21st - July 4th. Here are the remaining activities that are taking place in our parish:

June 30: Holy Hour for Religious Freedom - 7:00 – 8:00 pm

July 4: Closing Mass of the Fortnight on Independence Day - 8:15 am.

Altar Server Camp

The Office of Vocations will be hosting its first Altar Server Camp on Saturday, July 9, at St. John Paul II High School from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 (lunch will be provided). Altar servers who wish to attend must be age seven and above.



A Message on Mercy

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! (Pope Francis)

Mercy for the Youth

Sharing God's mercy to us with others through word, deed and prayer.

Word: Encourage youth in their family, school and church pursuits and activities.

Deed: Read to and play with young children.

Prayer: Pray for those youth who are being exploited.

Attention Users of CC #1/CC #2

So that needed maintenance work can be done in our Community Center rooms, CC #1 and CC #2, all meetings and gatherings scheduled during the month of July in either of these rooms will need to be moved or cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation.

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 every other week

(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: 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM

Additional Confession times during the Year of Mercy: Wednesdays & Fridays 5-5:30PM and

Thursdays 6-8PM

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

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Pius X Catholic School will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Friday, August 19th from 5:30-9:30. This Homecoming Celebration will coincide with St. Pius X Feast Day (Aug 21st). Take a walk down memory lane; see what has changed and what has remained the same; visit with former and current Blue Jays – you won't want to miss it!

Thank you for the great supply of yarn

A large number of skeins were taken to the Sister of Providence who supplies yarn to imprisoned men who make baby blankets, caps, etc. to be given to indigent young parents for their children. The crochet hooks and knitting needles are made in the prison shop, which are the ONLY ones they can use. The yarn is weighed before it is given, and afterward when they return the finished item with the remaining yarn. This project has been another way we observe the special Year of Mercy, by "Visiting the Imprisoned". Women who are incarcerated are under the same restrictions as the men. They receive colored yarn (from another source) for the small afghans they make, which are also given away. *Sr. Barbara Bluntzer, SP*

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Activities

Rec Time - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00pm- 3:00pm

The Youth Building will be open to any High School or Middle School youth. You can come play Pool, Video Games, watch a movie, or just hang out and chat.

Summer Lock-in

It's that time of year again. The Summer Lock-in is an all-night event where we stay up all night in the Youth Building playing video games, board games, basketball, watching movies, and just having a ton of fun. Registration for the Lock-in will open soon so check the bulletin for more info.

Volleyball - Every Wednesday at 6:00pm

We will be playing Beach Volleyball every Wednesday at the beach in front of Texas A&M Corpus Christi. We will also have football, Soccer, and Spikeball.

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Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, June 26th

2:00-4:00PM –Catholic Daughters' Fiesta - PH

Monday, June 27th

8:00AM-12:00PM – VBS – All premises

Tuesday, June 28th

8:00AM-12:00PM – VBS – All premises

Wednesday, June 29th

8:00AM-12:00PM – VBS – All premises

6:00PM – Baptism - CH

Thursday, June 30th

8:00AM-12:00PM – VBS – All premises

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Friday, July 1st

8:00AM- 1:00PM – VBS – All premises

5:30PM – Healing Mass – CH

6:30PM – **Santo Niño Mass - CH**

Saturday, July 2nd

Sunday, July 3rd

Baptism Class Postponed to next Sunday

1:30PM – Baptism - CH

Altar Servers

July 1 – 5:30pm

MC Kyle Pekar
Hannah Cazalas
Preston Cazalas
Pierson Cazalas

Sun. 10:00am

MC Joshua Harney
Jordyn Harney
Joe Aidan Harney
Addy Harney
Ayden Smith

July 2-3

Sat. 5:30pm

MC Nicanor Chanley
Marco Melve Chanley
Julian Ritch
Christian Ritch

Sun. 12:00pm

MC Riel Posada
Kyler Ross
Sarah Calaway

Sun. 5:30pm

MC Franceska Alvarado
MC Taylor Skrobarczyk
MC Amy Ayala
MC Acadia Tamez

Sun. 8:00am

MC S. Mendizabal
Lucy Kainer
Maddie Benson
Ethan Benson

LECTORS

July 2-3: 14th Sunday Ordinary Time

JULY 2 SAT 5:30P.M.	Al Hesse
JULY 2 SAT 5:30P.M.	Bud Colwell
JULY 3 SUN 8:00A.M.	Tracie Jensen
JULY 3 SUN 8:00A.M.	Norman Paris
JULY 3 SUN 10:00A.M.	Kathy Clark
JULY 3 SUN 10:00A.M.	Jennifer Kravek
JULY 3 SUN 12:00NOON	Art Kaler
JULY 3 SUN 12:00NOON	Marion Maas
JULY 3 SUN 5:30P.M.	Theresa Arizmendi
JULY 3 SUN 5:30P.M.	Reagan Johnson

Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 25th

5:30PM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Sunday, June 26th

8:00 AM † James T. Catchings Annv. by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings

10:00PM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd
† Paul Zanetti by Groner family

12:00PM For the Parishioners

5:30 PM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Monday, June 27th

8:15AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Tuesday, June 28th

8:15AM † Pat DeGregorio by DeGregorio family

Wednesday, June 29th

8:15AM † Frank Baish Annv. by Baish family
† John G. Scecina, Sr. by Frank & Martha Kolda
† Buck Kelly by Ken & Liz Morgan
† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd
† Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
† Paul Zanetti by Lucy Boyd
James W. Kelly III wellbeing by family

5:30 PM † Jerry Muttera by Lory Moore
† Allen Benesh by Jack & Phyllis Benesh
† Osbaldo Cantu, Jr. by Jose & Elida Hernandez
† Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly
† Paul Zanetti by Randy & Geraldine Sykora
† Evelyn Mansheim by Gene & Jo Ann Brune
† Patricia Gough Cuthbertson by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig

Thursday, June 30th

8:15AM † Frances O. Guerrero Annv. by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families

Friday, July 1st

8:15AM † Bruce A. Balli Annv. by Jeanie Balli
† Mary Pat Slavik by Alice Didear
† Evelyn Mansheim by Alice & Tom Driscoll
† Justin Huber by Jim & Mim Cook
Mathews family by D. Mathews
† Paul Koenig by Dorothy Broz
Bill & Nancy Lee healing by Nancy Lee
Anita Gonzalez' Intentions by family
5:30PM † Mary Kelly, John & James Kelly by Kathleen Horne
† Peter James & Beatrice McCabe & Family by Richard McCabe
† Rumalda San Miguel by Yolanda G. Cadena
† Willie Mae Shirley by Liz Sefcik
† Paul Zanetti by Alice Didear
James W. Kelly III wellbeing by family
† Marie S. Habeeb by children
Jared Groner's health by Groner family
Frances Marsden's health by Groner family
† Maggie Johnson by Emma Harney

Saturday July 2nd

8:15AM † Barbara Birt by Don Birt
5:30PM † John Boyd by Virginia Haasl

Sunday, July 3rd

8:00AM † Dale & Iluminada Gunnar by family
† Bruce Bayerlein & Carolina Bergman by Bayerlein family
10:00AM † Dorothy Krause by Raul & Esperanza Vasquez
12:00PM † Alvino C. Campos by Stella Campos
† Jose Medrano by Carlos Gomez
5:30PM For the Parishioners
7:30PM Vietnamese Mass – For the Vietnamese Community

Financial Report for Sunday 6/19/2016

Operating Revenue:
Sunday Collection \$13,516.80
Sunday Online..... \$3,945.00
Other Donations \$210.00
Sale of Parish Van..... \$1,000.00
Total Operating Revenue ..\$18,671.80

Other Contributions:
Acts of Charity \$2,227.80
Habeeb Scholarship..... \$100.00
Total Other Contributions \$2,327.80

Total Contributions \$20,999.60

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

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Felipe Benavidez, Kanon Brown, Stella & Michael Campos, Sondra Cazalas, Sabrina Cisneros, Shirley Currie, Allen Daehne, Andrea Dahlstrom, Patrick Delgado, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Minga DeLosSantos, Didra DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Pud'n Dellinger, Liz Elovitz, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Alicia Garcia, Antonio Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Dora Garza, Roel Garza, Terry Garza, Cindy Gedge, Sally Gilbreath, Anell Gollihar, Mike Gollihar, Elida Gonzalez, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Rose Marie Hand, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Ben Janosek, Elizabeth Johnson, Jim Johnston, Nathan Kelley, Frank Kolda, Betty Kollaja, Dora Lambert, Elva Laurel, Arlene Leep, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Frances Marsden, Michael McCloskey, Pat McLemore, Vicki Mitchell, Melynda Moore, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Doug Nicol, Patricia Paris, Mary Lou Penne, Dolores Puckett, Robert M. Pope, Raymond Richter, John Lee Robertson, Amanda Rodriguez, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Paul Rossi, Albert Rubio, David Russell, Billy Ruzicka, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Toni Sharif, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepard, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Judy Slaughter, Constance Smith, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mary Ann Starkey, Mamie Stoner, Diane Thompson, Jo Teichman, Luke Valdez, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Liz Vrana, Judy West, Lillian Anderson Williams, Carole Zanetti, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.