

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Since my seminary years, I've acquired a collection of books that sit on the shelves of my office and my living quarters. A portion of them are textbooks that I read while in the seminary. A greater number of them are books that have either been handed down to me by fellow seminarians and priests, been given to me as gifts, or have been purchased by me at various points throughout my priestly ministry. I've read some, used some as resources, and left some to be read when I had time. At some point, I decided it might be a good idea to start a habit of reading the ones I haven't read little by little. I've recently picked up a fascinating book entitled "The Roman Catacombs and Their Martyrs". It was published in 1956 just shortly after excavations under the Vatican revealed what are considered to be the authentic remains of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles.

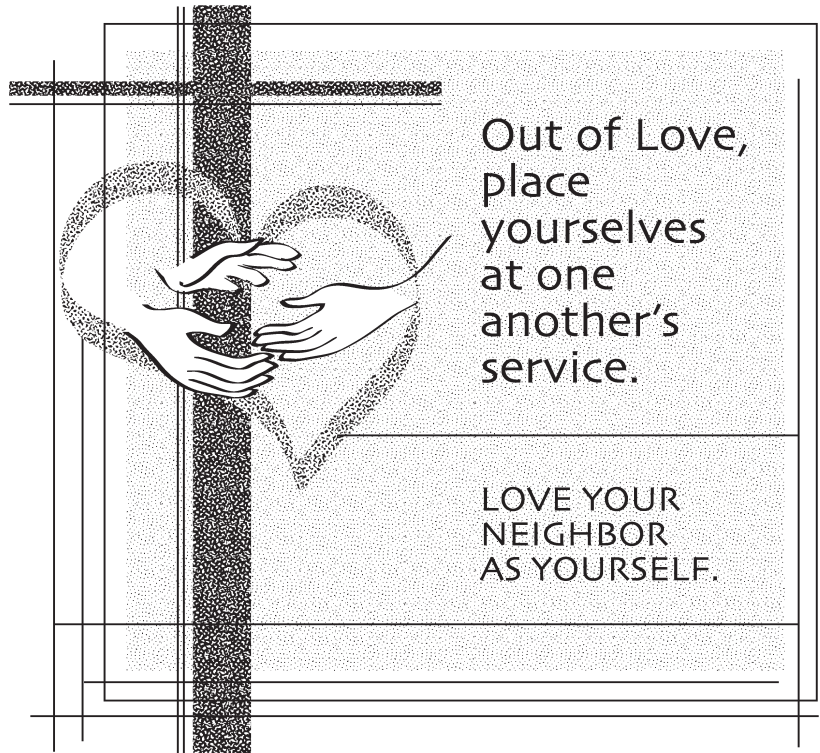
The book is a blending of history and archeology and explores the places where Apostles, Martyrs, Popes, and Saints were laid to rest. What is surprising is how strong the evidence is marking the authentic graves where ancient Christian Fathers were buried. In a way, it provides solidity to the rich tradition of faith that has been handed down to us. This is particularly true of St. Peter's Basilica, where ancient tradition, coupled with very strong archeological evidence, indicates that the basilica was built above the grave of the first Pope.

In the pages of the book, there are stories of Saints who endured great persecutions and who surrendered themselves so completely to Christ that they offered their lives as a sacrifice for the glory of the gospel and for the sake of his name. It is inspiring that so many who died for Christ, did so willingly and without regard for personal safety. Their courage speaks volumes and they became highly revered for their witness. This led to many devotees leaving evidence of devotion that gives more credence to the places of burial of those revered witnesses.

The witness of those early martyrs and saints, popes and lay people, were so significant that they spurred other Christians to hold fast to their Faith and inspired others to accept Christ. The walls of the catacombs tell their stories and the resting places of those witnesses continues to call forth from all the faithful a greater conviction.

Our own day and time continues to call us to follow their example of faith. The threats we experience are sometimes subtle and sometimes glaring. Many forces within have eroded our own convictions about our Faith. Complacency and luxury often numb us to the reality of our lives and to God's primacy of place in our lives. At the same time, there is strong anti-Christian sentiment that runs through society these days that is overt.

Jesus reminds us in the gospel this weekend that we each must take up the cross and follow him if we wish to be disciples. Obviously, most of us don't experience much that threatens our lives, but we are nevertheless called to be resilient in our faith and cling to Christ in all aspects of our lives. Practicing our faith and nurturing devotion is not always as easy as it seems. So many



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other things vie for our attention and it isn't always easy to be committed to prayer and devotion. Yet, that is what our Lord is inviting us to do.

There is tremendous blessing when we orient our lives in such a way that Jesus takes primacy of place. We see in the great martyrs and Apostles a singular devotion to the Lord. We too can develop a like devotion by making charity and prayer the center of our lives. It isn't easy to be Christian, but let's continue to hold fast to what our Fathers in Faith have taught us. God bless!

### † May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Proquelito Auza whose funeral Mass was held here this past week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

### Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closing at noon this Thursday, July 2nd, for the holiday. It will reopen on Monday, July 6th, at 9:00 a.m.

### Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Roy & Diana Hinojosa, who recently registered at our parish. We are glad to have them be an active part of our growing faith community.

### Monthly Baptism Class Postponed

Our monthly Baptism class is always held on the first Saturday of the month; however, because the first Saturday in July is July 4th weekend, the class has been moved to the following Saturday, July 11th at 10:00am in CC#2.

### Ushers Needed

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.

### Guidelines/Procedures When Attending Mass

Please observe the following:

#### 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

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*

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 gloved 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.

### ***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.

### ***Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty***



O God our Creator,  
from your provident hand we have received  
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
You have called us as your people and given us  
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,  
and your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,  
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
to every corner of society.  
We ask you to bless us  
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.  
Give us the strength of mind and heart  
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
give us courage in making our voices heard  
on behalf of the rights of your Church  
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.  
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
gathered in your Church  
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,  
so that, with every trial withstood  
and every danger overcome—  
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
and all who come after us—  
this great land will always be “one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### ***Comings and Goings***

*The Week at a Glance*



#### **Sunday, June 28th**

8:00AM – Mass – CH

10:00AM – Mass – CH&PH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

#### **Monday, June 29th**

8:15AM – Mass – CH

#### **Tuesday, June 30th**

8:15AM – Mass – CH

#### **Wednesday, July 1st**

8:15AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

#### **Thursday, July 2nd**

8:15AM – Mass - CH

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:15-7:50PM – Confessions – PH

#### **Friday, July 3rd**

OFFICE CLOSED

8:15AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass – CH

7:00PM – Santo Niño Mass - CH

#### **Saturday, July 4th**

8:15AM – Mass - CH

4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - PH

5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH

6:30-7:30PM – Confessions – PH

#### **Sunday, July 5th**

8:00AM – Mass – CH

10:00AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

7:30PM - Vietnamese Mass

### ***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](http://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!

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

Saturday, June 27th

**Mass Intentions**



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

Monday, June 29th

8:15AM Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 30th

8:15AM † Frances O. Guerrero Annv. by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa fam.

Wednesday, July 1st

8:15AM Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa

† Lupita Sifuentes Annv. by her family

† Frank Baish Annv. by his family

† Bruce A Balli by Jeanie Balli

† Fr. Gregory Romanski by Feliciano Rodriguez Galloway

† Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

† Beatriz A. Salinas by her family

† Jeanne Baish by her family

5:30PM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by K.K.H.

† Frank & Betty Kollaja by Carol & Jerry Nemeč

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 2nd

8:15AM † Neva L. Reumuth by the Reumuth family

Friday, July 3rd

8:15AM † Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale

† Roberto Peña by Carolyn Consuelo

† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.

† Pat & Patrick DeGregorio by their family

† Jeanne Baish by Marilyn Ramey

5:30PM † Egils Purins by Larry & Donna Grove

† Jennifer Ramirez by her family

Sultanas Intentions

John David Broadstreet's Intentions

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

† Charlene Gilbreath by Greg & Lynn Gallagher

Saturday, July 4th

8:15AM † Philip Anderson by Todd & Hilda Muenster

5:30PM † Alberto Hinojosa Annv. by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa fam.

Sunday, July 5th

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

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

12:00PM † Phil Lenken by Margaret Lenken

5:30PM For the Parishioners

**Financial Report for Sunday 6/21/2020**

**Operating Revenue:**

Sunday Collection..... \$7,620.50

Sunday Online ..... \$8,548.00

Other Income ..... \$725.00

Memorials ..... \$100.00

Total Operating Revenue... \$16,993.50

**Other Contributions:**

Acts of Charity ..... \$725.00

Church in Africa ..... \$10.00

Total Other Contributions..... \$825.00

Total Contributions..... \$17,818.50

**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.



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is LOVE**