

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: It is sometimes hard to see the action of God in our lives. There are so many tasks to tend to, so many obligations that we have to meet, and so many struggles that we endure, that finding God in all of this can seem a monumental task. Is it that God is really that hard to find? Or have we just closed ourselves off to him?

What is interesting is that we sometimes have a prejudice about where God is. For example, how many of us expect to hear God's voice speaking through one of our own family members? Sure, we might marvel at how we hear God's voice speaking through something our son or daughter says when they are little. Children say some of the most amazing things and we often feel that God is speaking to us through them. But what about our spouse? How often have we contemplated that our spouse might say something that reflects the voice of God? What I know about married couples is that one partner may not take into account what the other one says. The old axiom "Familiarity breeds contempt" can be very true. Sometimes couples stop listening to one another because they become accustomed to each other's weaknesses. However, God could be telling us something through our spouse. God might be operative where we least expect!

It seems to me that this is at the heart of today's Gospel. Jesus comes to his native place to teach, but the people are not open to the grace of his message because their familiarity with him impedes them. Because they do not expect the Messiah to come from among one of their own, their hearts were closed. This reality prompts Jesus to say that a "prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." Have we become so hardened to the people closest to us that we fail to realize that the grace of God might be working in one of our own family members or friends to help us grow?

Another of the great hinderances is that we don't see God's action in our everyday circumstances. This can be true in even the hardships that we face. Most of the time, when we encounter difficulty we might ask, "why me?" We wonder why we are going through a particular struggle. We also wonder why we can't seem to feel God's presence and love when we think we should.

Perhaps though, God might be speaking to us through those hardships. Maybe he is trying to teach us that these things forge our faith into something more resilient; something more mature. Personally, I have found that the greatest lessons that I have learned in life come not from that which is easy, but from my weakness, my mistakes, my sufferings, and my struggles. I have discovered that the power of God is much more present and effective in these things than in easy times. I never cease to be amazed at how God often touches the hearts of people when I feel as though I have been nothing but a failure.

St. Paul must have experienced this too when in the second reading he says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in

You who have
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WORD of
TRUTH and
have believed in
JESUS
were sealed with the
promised
HOLY
SPIRIT



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weakness.” He would rather boast about his weaknesses so that the power of Christ would live with him. In essence, St. Paul is saying that God shines forth more brilliantly when we are weakest and enduring difficulties. Most of the time, it is our preconceived notion that suffering is bad that prevents us from recognizing that God can be found even in those difficulties.

God is found in ordinary places. He can help us to become holy in manifold ways. He is not restricted by our weakness or human limitations. God is God. He chooses to act even in places where we least expect! Let’s keep our eyes fixed on him and remain disposed to his grace! God bless!



Farewell Party for David

Our seminarian, David Bayardo, will be completing his Pastoral Year here at St. Pius X and will be departing to continue his studies for the priesthood. We are going to have a “Despedida” or “Farewell Party” for him this Sunday, July 8th from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope that you will come by and join us in thanking him for his ministry here and wishing him the best!

Pilgrimage to Italy

Fr. Paul is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from October 15th - 25th, 2012 for the “Year of Faith” as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. We will be visiting Venice, Florence, Assisi, Orvieto, Siena, and Rome. The cost for the trip is \$3,290.00 per person (all inclusive). If interested, please call the parish office at 361-993-4053 or you can obtain a copy of the brochure at our website at www.stpiusxcc.org.

Pray for the Youth & Fr. Paul

Some of the youth of the parish will be going to the Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference later this week. Fr. Paul will be joining them. Afterward, Fr. Paul will be attending an institute at the University of Notre Dame. Please pray that the Lord will grant them a fruitful experience!

Collection for Military Service Personnel Overseas

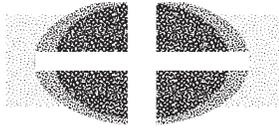
Our service men and women are still stationed overseas. Often in very hot climates. Care packs are being sent to help them when they can “take a break” and enjoy some snacks during the day. Beginning this month, we hope to collect a large supply of individually

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM
Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.
Weddings take place on weekdays any time and
on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM
Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.
Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays



wrapped snack items to be taken to Rockport to the Center where the boxes are prepared.

You can bring the items to the foyer or to the church office during the month of July, in time for the packages to be sent.

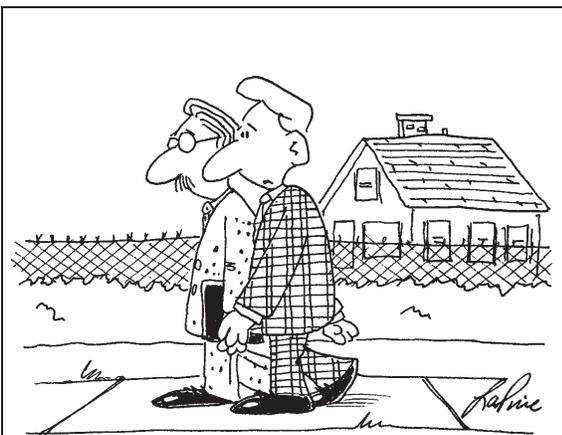
Needed items are: beef jerky (no pork), individual drink mixes (not lemonade) for their bottled water, nutrition bars, tuna packs, nuts, trail mix, gum, candy, not chocolate., Rice Krispy treats. No toiletry items are being collected at this time. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

First Saturdays

The First Saturday of each month, a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the 8:15AM Mass. Our Blessed Mother asked us to make 5 first Saturdays for Peace and Reparation of Sins.

Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Threats from the Klan - The 1920s were a time of challenge for Catholics in the Diocese of Corpus Christi in many ways, but the rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan with their strong attitude of anti-Catholicism was one of the most frightening. Crosses were burned in front of Catholic churches, convents and Catholic-owned businesses. Catholic politicians were singled out for underhanded opposition and harassment. Catholic businessmen and professionals were afraid of what they might face from Klan brutality. Local Catholic men took turns serving as night security at Incarnate Word Convent in a time that was often hostile to the Catholic Church throughout the United States.



"I'd laugh at all problems in our church if only I wasn't a part of them."

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, July 8

1:30PM - Going away party for David Bayardo- PH

Monday, July 9

5:30PM - Journey Board - CC#2

Tuesday, July 10

7:00-9:00AM - Men's Journey - CC#1&2

10:00AM - Journey - CC#2

12:30PM - MAP - CC#1

7:00PM - Sacrament Classes - CH

Wednesday, July 11

7:00-9:00AM - Joyful Pillars - CC#1&2

9:00AM-12:00PM - MAP - CC#1

6:30PM - Alhambra - CC#1

Thursday, July 12

1:00PM - Bridge - CC#1&2

7:00PM - Adoration - CH

Friday, July 13

6:30PM - Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 14

2:00PM - Wedding - CH

Scholarship for Deer Creek Camp

Deer Creek Camp for youth ages 7-16 years of age will take place July 15-20 in Medina, TX. A partial scholarship is available to a parishioner who would like to attend. Please call Cynthia at 452-4513 by July 11.

Financial Report for week ending 7/1/2012

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 25,047.99
Other Income	\$ 225.00
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 25,272.99

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$ 90.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 11.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 136.00
Total Contributions 7/1/2012	\$ 25,408.99

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of June 30, 2012.....\$1,036,746.08

YOUTH CORNER



Middle and High Schoolers, join us for Sand Volleyball on July 11 with at the beach across for A&M CC on Ocean Dr. 6:30-8:30PM.

Life Teen – “Life Teen at the Beach” Sunday, July 8 from 11:30AM-2:30PM. Meet after the 10AM Mass. Must have a signed permission/medical form in order to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make Vacation Bible School a success. I especially want to thank the adult leaders of the Stations for their part in making the activities enjoyable for the children. A big thank you goes out to the 30 teens who gave of their time so generously. A special thank you goes to Frank Newell and Linda Lopez for the endless hours they spent in preparations for VBS. Truly it was a blessed time for all.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD. Registration will begin the second week of August. Registration forms will be available on line, in the parish office, the CCD office and in the back of the church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!

Who are some of the movers and shakers in the story of our faith family? If you want to be in the know about our ancestors in faith, join Sr. Annette on a one-year journey through church history—beginning this fall. Check for more information on our website or in future bulletins.

FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOTS

Interested in learning more about your faith but cannot commit to a schedule of classes? Join Sr. Annette every First Tuesday of the month to take a look at just one aspect of our Catholic faith or tradition. We begin Tuesday, September 4. Watch for more information to come.



ALTAR SERVERS July 14-July 15

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Tessa Heines
Theonna Wisner
Kraig Bray



Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Andrew Shull
Christian Toren
Benjamin Toren
Joseph Toren

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MG J.J. Arizmendi
Luis Lopez
Jacob Lugo
Riel Posada

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Evan Rodriguez
Jeremy Bedolla
Sang Hoang
Brian Kostoch

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Brian Pompa
MC Matthew Quiroz
Cole Morin
Toby Johnson

LECTORS

JUL 14	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldua
JUL 14	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Kendrea Justice
JUL 15	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Tracie Jensen
JUL 15	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Angie Ramos
JUL 15	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Denise Hyde
JUL 15	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Larry Hyde
JUL 15	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
JUL 15	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
JUL 15	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa
JUL 15	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain



“To tell you the truth, this isn’t what I expected when the dating service promised us a heavenly romance.”



One Minute Meditations

God is always present

Although the world around is changing, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, strength, patience, wisdom, insight, and creativity when we ask. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

Have a good day every day

Start the morning by offering the day to God and spend a few minutes counting your blessings. Then do all you can to enjoy the day. Don't let life's minor irritants affect your mood. End the day with a short prayer of thanks.

Pray the Rosary

Daily recitation of the Rosary is a powerful way to obtain peace for the world, avoid sin, and grow in holiness. It helps us meditate on the life, death, and glory of Jesus and his mother. By commemorating these events in our salvation history, we are reminded to thank and praise God for them.



What secrets do good stewards know?

Everything we have and all that we are is given to us by God because he loves us and trusts us to be good stewards of his love gifts. A good steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes them because they come from God, shares them, and returns them to God with interest. But that requires knowing the secrets of good stewardship:

Stewardship flows from love.

Good stewards are always aware of what God has given them and are deeply grateful. They know that they didn't earn their talents or resources and understand that they come from a Father who asks only for true love in return.

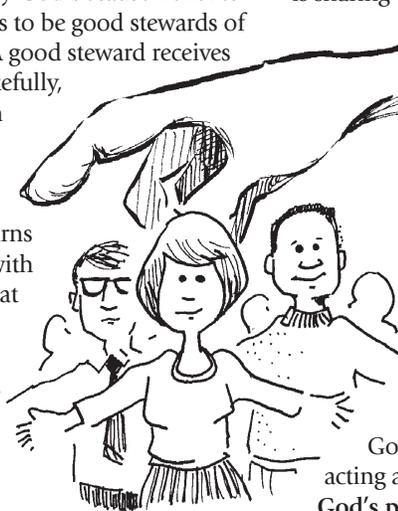
Giving feels good. Part of stewardship is sharing God's gifts with those in need, whether it is our time, talents, or treasure. It feels good to be able

to meet another person's needs in this way.

Stewards are instruments. Stewardship is actually God's love flowing through us and pouring out through us to reach his other children.

The good steward joins in God's own generous nature by acting as God's hands on Earth.

God's purpose is the point. When we waste our talents, dawdle in pointless pursuits, or squander our resources, we put our own desires first ahead of God's will. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be God-centered rather than self-centered.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

"The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (CCC 1131).

We have seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist,



What is a Sacrament?

Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. While the sacraments are not the only way we can receive grace, they are the normal way in which we do. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. Grace allows us to participate in that divine love.

Mass Intentions



- Sat. 7/7 8:15AM Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald family
 10:00AM Memorial Mass for Fr. Adolph Kaler, OMI
 5:30PM Vernon Krause by Dorothy Krause
- Sun. 7/8 8:00AM Jim Yaklin by the Wik family
 10:00AM Reynaldo Ramirez, Sr. by Irma Ramirez
 12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
 5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 7/9 8:15AM Barbara Torres' Anniversary by Joan Vedder
- Tue. 7/10 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker
- Wed. 7/11 8:15AM Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
 Theresa Haasl by Bill & Jane Cheesman
 Binh & Khuyen's Intentions by Fr. Joseph
 5:30PM Bill Muttera's Anniversary by Lory Moore
 John Ley by Ellsworth & Ley families
 Dawson Boone by Ken & Liz Morgan
 Lydia Trujillo by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Carlson
 Jesus Resendez, Sr. by Santana & Mary Lou Villarreal
 Phil Lenken by Margaret Lenken
 Robert Conwell by Lorayne Ley
 Peggy Fritz' Intentions by Mary & Art Salinas
- Thu. 7/12 8:15AM Dick Childs' Anniversary by Penny Pacheco
- Fri. 7/13 8:15AM Erich Wendl by Anne H. Glenn
 5:30PM Bill Traeger by Tommy & Charlotte Groner
- Sat. 7/14 5:30PM Joe McCullough by Tommy & Charlotte Groner
- Sun. 7/15 8:00AM For the Parishioners
 10:00AM Elsie Samperi by Mary Fodor
 12:00PM Anna Mae Moses' Anniv. & Anne Krnavek by Theresie Krnavek
 5:30PM Erich Wendl by Anne H. Glenn



Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Jackson Gavarkovs, Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Dorothy Krause, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Marguerite Ross, Tim Salch, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Luz Villarreal, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



"What makes you think the church has grown too large and impersonal, #17682?"



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