

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: Have you ever felt like you've stuck your foot in your mouth? Have you been embarrassed by something you said, or found yourself gossiping about someone, only to find that the person you were talking about was right behind you and probably heard everything you said? Have you ever been caught in the act of doing something and felt incredibly small as a result? Most of us have. Then none of us should be strangers to what the disciples felt at the moment Jesus catches them in conversation in today's Gospel.

Jesus and the disciples have just come home to Capernaum, and no doubt Jesus was aware that the men had been having a lively exchange just prior to arriving. He decides to call them on the carpet and asks them directly, "What were you arguing about on the way?" Embarrassed, all that the disciples could do was stand there shame-faced and speechless. They knew that their motives had been exposed and their guilt was written all over their faces. They had all been arguing about who among them was the greatest. In his typical and loving manner, Jesus offers a little correction. He takes a little child, and presenting it before them as an example, tells them that if they are to be great, they must be like little children. They must be humble, docile, and a servant of all.

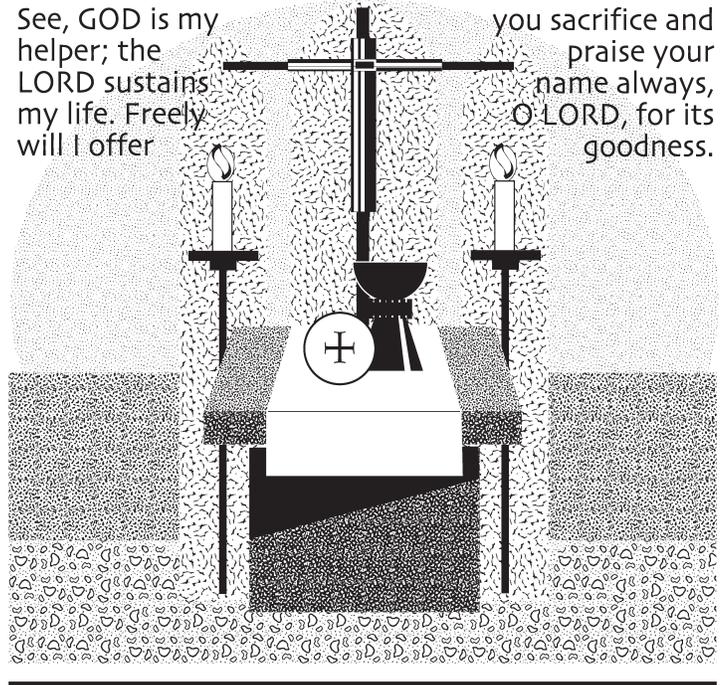
Interestingly, we don't often sense our own pride or feel particularly troubled while we are engaging in gossip or inflating our egos. However, when we are discovered, we suddenly become shamefaced, defensive, and acutely aware of our wrongdoing. It is kind of interesting how this seems to be built into who we are as human beings. We may try to ignore it, but somehow, the truth about ourselves becomes glaringly apparent. Humbling experiences like these hopefully lead us to grow more fully into what it means to be human. These humbling experiences actually can free us from self-preoccupation and liberate us to do what is ultimately more fulfilling – serving others. True greatness is not found in inflated egos or self-important attitudes. True greatness is found in service and self-denial. That is what Jesus was getting at in the beginning verses of the Gospel where he speaks of the Son of Man needing to suffer. Obviously, the disciples had not gotten the message.

When I think of the truly great people who have passed through my life, it is not the celebrities and the famous that have had the most impact. Those who have left the lasting impressions upon me were the ones who patiently, consistently, and selflessly guided me along the way. They may not have been prized by worldly standards, but their willing and dedicated service moved me.

A good musician can be a fitting example. The truly masterful musician is the one who plays at the service of the music. Such a musician recognizes that his or her task is to always make sure that the music is played in such a way as to do justice to the composition. The performer puts his or her whole heart and soul into the performance.

See, GOD is my helper; the LORD sustains my life. Freely will I offer

you sacrifice and praise your name always, O LORD, for its goodness.



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To do so can lead to a very emotional performance whereby the brilliance and beauty of the music stands out more than the performer. However, when a performer plays a piece of music at the service of his or her own ego or to simply show off his or her own talent, the music may be well-performed, but devoid of emotion and empty of expressiveness and meaning.

Jesus wants us to be of service to one another. That is where true greatness lies. It is also where true freedom lies. When we think of the truly great people of our nation, for instance, they are the ones who sacrificed, put aside their personal interests, and endured great sufferings for a greater good. If we desire to be truly great, we must learn to step back from ourselves and serve as Christ served. God bless,



### **Altar & Rosary Society**

The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, September 27 at 9AM in CC#2. A program will be presented by Sister Barbara Netek IWBS on our Parish's Acts of Charity ministry. Coffee and fellowship will precede the program and meeting. Dues are

payable at this time. All women of St. Pius X Parish are invited to the meeting and to join the Altar & Rosary Society. For additional information, contact Emily Dickinson at 446-2401 or church office at 993-4053.

### **Newly Baptized**

St. Pius X welcomes into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism: Kendall Pippa Minter, Roman Marcus Morales, and Atina Rae Moya.

### **Pius Travelers**

We have a slight change to the St. Pius Travelers plans to go to the Art Jamboree on Friday, September the 28th. Our time for departure by carpool from St. Pius Parking Lot is changed to 1:00 pm. We will have lunch at the U & I Restaurant about 1:30 pm and then go to the Art Center a block away. They will have art exhibits and vendor's booths to visit. Please call the Anzaldua's at 993-6123 so that we can plan the carpools. You need not be a member to attend. Guests are welcome.



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 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: 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*

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Young children PreK-3 to Kindergarten will meet each Sunday for a special class during the 10AM Mass. A meeting room called the "Atrium" is set up especially to enable the youngsters to learn more about God's love for them. The Atrium is located between the parish hall and the school. If your child isn't registered yet, registration forms are available in the atrium on Sunday morning. Space is still available.

## Farewell to Keith Tucker, Facilities Manager

It is with sadness that we announce that Keith Tucker, our parish Facilities Manager, will be leaving our staff on September 26, 2012. Keith will be taking advantage of another job opportunity that will be a blessing for his future. Even though we will miss him, we wish him the best as he embarks upon this new stage in his life. Fortunately, Keith will continue to remain in our parish family and will be around to help in other capacities. God bless, Keith!

## Rummage Rummage Rummage

We will have our annual rummage sale next weekend, September 28-29, 2012. You may drop off your donations in the Parish Hall starting tomorrow, September 24, from 8AM-6PM! If you need to have your items picked up, please contact the church office to arrange a convenient time (993-4053).

## Bunko for Breast Cancer Awareness

Ladies, join us for an exciting and fun evening! Never Played? Don't want to play? Love to play? (Rules fully explained before play begins) In any case, come and have fun and support two worthy causes: the 2012 "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" & St. Pius X Youth. Come to St. Pius X Parish Hall on October 11 from 6:15 to 8:30PM. \$20 all inclusive, (cash & checks accepted). Appetizers and beverages included. Amazing raffle items! Adults only – RSVP not required.

## Retreat for Ladies of the Parish

Mark your calendar – save the date! January 26, 2013. Plan to come for a Saturday morning retreat just for you! More information will come later this Fall.

## Christmas in October

On Monday, October 1, we will begin the collection of festive/healthy/useful items to go in the "Christmas Stocking" CARE boxes to be sent to our military in overseas service. We will have boxes in the vestibule for those items that will bring joy to the men and women in such places as Afghanistan, Yemen, etc. who are serving in harm's way.

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, September 23

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

### Monday, September 24

5:00-6:00PM – Confirmation Class – YC

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

### Tuesday, September 25

7:00-9:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

9:00AM – 1:00PM – Flu shots – CC#1

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00-4:00PM – Church History – CH

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#2

### Wednesday, September 26

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

### Thursday, September 27

8:30AM – Altar Society – CC#2

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – Veritas – Cafeteria

7:30PM – Adult Choir- C/R

### Friday, September 28

8:00AM – Church's Rummage Sale - PH

8:00AM-3:00PM – School – CC#1&2

9-11AM – Women's Prayer Group – YC

4:00PM – Webelos – CC#2

### Saturday, September 29

12:00-4:00PM – Pilgrimage to Italy luncheon - YC

### Sunday, September 30

8:00-10AM – RCIA – CC#2

Boys Scouts sale of popcorn after Masses

The list of special items that we hope to collect will be in next week's bulletin. Watch for it!

## Attention all Catholic Women!

All Catholic Women are invited to "Women of Vision, Women of Faith", a conference for women being held at Most Precious Blood Church, 3502 Saratoga Boulevard, on October 27, 2012. Registration begins at 7:45 and the day ends at 3:00 p.m. The conference will bring women together to celebrate their faith and encourage them to continue to witness to the faith through word and action.

## YOUTH CORNER



**EDGE** for all (6th-8th grade) meet on **WEDNESDAY** September 26th at 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will continue collecting items for the homeless and have "Face Time", an issue night.

**LIFETEEN** for all (9th-12th grade) meet on **SUNDAY** September 23rd at 6:30pm to 8:30pm, right after the Youth Mass. Bring your completed registration form. We will begin a service project for the local homeless and encourage all teens to bring an item for donation. For a list of items we are collecting and registration forms, please visit the front page or youth page of our parish website (stpiouscc.org).

### Altar Servers Sept. 29-30

**Sat. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Stephanie Gibbon  
Reagan Gibbon  
Theonna Wisner  
Michael Morin



**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**  
MC Andrew Shull  
MC Toby Shull  
MC Tori Shull  
Christian Ramos

**Sun. 12:00 p.m.**  
MC Joseph Tarin  
Quarter Morrison  
Matthew Lutz  
Riel Posada  
Grace Morrison

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**  
MC Ryan Trevino  
Sang Hoang  
Natalie Trevino  
Emilee Flores

**Sun. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Alex Rossi  
Franceska Alvarado  
Millicent Alvarado  
Kelsey Thomas

### Lectors

SEP 29	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldúa
SEP 29	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Kendrea Justice
SEP 30	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joan Hennings
SEP 30	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
SEP 30	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Jennifer Krnavek
SEP 30	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
SEP 30	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
SEP 30	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
SEP 30	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
SEP 30	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**CCD** – Our Religious Education program grades K-5 and Confirmation are in progress. Each week the children experience the love of Jesus and those who have been called to serve in the ministry of catechesis. If you have not registered your children or know of children who are not registered in CCD classes, please do everything possible to participate in the classes and the experience of getting to know Jesus.

**CONFIRMATION** classes are in full swing. The Confirmation I and II classes combined have seventy-six young adults enrolled. It is so wonderful that they have chosen to take this step in their faith life. Please continue to pray for them.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### OCTOBER SNAPSHOT:

What do we mean by TRINITY?



A neat term we have memorized, but what are we trying to say? Join Sr. Annette to explore what this term can mean for each believer. Tuesday, October 9, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in CC#2.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

PLEASE CHECK the expiration date on your blue Safe Environment Card. If it is expired or about to expire come in for a re-certification class.

**ALL CLASSES ARE IN CC#1 AT 6:30 pm**

### Schedule for re-certification classes:

October 9	November 13
December 11	January 8
February 12	March 12
April 9	May 14

**Schedule for Core classes:** October 23

## Acts of Charity

Thank you to those who signed up to be part of the parish Acts of Charity Committee. We will be contacting you individually as we plan various projects. We meet every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in CC#1. Please come and share your wonderful ideas with the committee.



is peaceable  
and rich in  
kindly deeds

## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



The ITBS testing is over for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. For the past two weeks our students have been taking tests in all subject areas from reading and math to social studies and science. Students in first and fourth grades take an extra test entitled the COGAT, which stands for Cognitive Abilities Test. We won't get the results back until late October, but when we do, we will learn how our students compare to all of the other students in the nation who also took the test. The results will help teachers plan instruction. We are glad to have the testing behind us. Now we can get back to our normal activities!

One of the few activities that was planned last week was a fun trip to GattiTown for our Top Ten Fall Fundraiser winners. They were escorted to GattiTown via a limousine where they were treated to all the pizza they wanted. In addition to that, they were given tokens to play the various games. The trip in the limousine was a treat in itself, a first for most of the children! We are proud of these go-getter children who raised over \$7,000 all together! That's awesome!

The other fun activity of the week was the yearbook signing party that we had for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduates from the 2011-2012 school year on Friday. These students are now in middle school at IWA, Flour Bluff, Bishop Garriga and public school. They enjoyed getting back together and signing each other's yearbook. They also signed one for David Bayardo, our seminarian who spent the past year with us. He became a special part of this class when he went to the Outdoor School with them last April. We hope he enjoys the yearbook.

On Friday of this coming week, our Early Childhood children will dress as their favorite nursery rhyme character and participate in a nursery rhyme parade around the school. This is a culminating activity to their unit on nursery rhymes. It's always fun to see their different costumes.

Also on Friday, seven mannerly students will be taken to Jason's Deli as a reward for using good manners. We thank Bob and Sue Becquet for sponsoring our Manner of the Month program and allowing our students to eat free.

Our Halloween Carnival is approximately one month away (October 26<sup>th</sup>). By now you should have received a letter in the mail from the school containing a set of 10 raffle tickets. We are hoping that our parishioners will either purchase them for themselves or sell them to friends and family. There are many nice items in the raffle this year. We always have at least one or two winners from the parish. We ask that you return the ticket stubs and the money to the school office by October 24. They can be mailed in the return envelope provided or dropped at the office or rectory.

The carnival will feature fun, food, games, live entertainment and a silent auction. It's a nice safe way to celebrate Halloween. We hope that you will plan to come and bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. There is something for

everyone, from young to old.

Don't forget that the school sells HEB gift cards in the school office. Right now these cards can save you \$.12 a gallon when you purchase gasoline with one of these cards. They come in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100. The school makes a profit of 4% on each card. Have a blessed week!

## Health Corner

Brought to you our 'retired' Congregational Health Ministry Team...

### FLU SEASON ALERT!!!

Flu season is upon us! The Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District Immunization Department has offered to come once again to offer a "FLU SHOT CLINIC at St. Pius X Church.



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, 2012 - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM**  
AND

**TUESDAY, OCT. 2, 2012 - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM**  
**PLACE: COMMUNITY CENTER #1**

**COST: \$20.00/dose for persons who are under 65.**

*Flu shots are for anyone who is 6 months old and older.*

**FORMS OF PAYMENT:** Cash, Checks or Insurances noted below. Make checks payable to City of Corpus Christi. Check has to be local and must have proper ID

**INSURANCE** accepted: Humana PPO, Medicaid, Medicare and ALL other Medicare Part-D

Members: Do not have to pay. City of C.C. Health Dept. will file to insurance co.

All our St. Pius X Church community and surrounding area are invited to participate.

Other good habits, such as getting plenty of sleep, engaging in physical activity, managing stress, drinking water, and eating good food, will help you to stay healthy in the winter and all year. In addition, there are simple actions that can stop the spread of germs and help protect you from getting sick:

**Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

**Stay at home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

**Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs that can cause illnesses.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

[This is not medical advice. Please consult your doctor first.]

## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 9/22 5:30PM Maximina Rivera by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa Families
- Sun. 9/23 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by Dewayne & Lisa Catchings
- 10:00AM Lester Cunningham by Carolyn Buehrig
- 12:00PM Jack La Feber by Jeanne La Feber
- 5:30PM For the Parishioners
- 7:30PM Gio A. Kim Nguyen by Van Nguyen
- Mon. 9/24 8:15AM Lawrence L. Vrazel's Anniversary by Anna Vrazel
- Tue. 9/25 8:15AM Sandra Sykora by Penny Pacheco  
Juan D. Leal by Wife and Daughters
- Wed. 9/26 8:15AM Gertie Seward's Anniversary by Patricia Janosek
- William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker
- Jim Yaklin by Gerald & Connie Smith
- Gus Noll by Jean Deal
- Annie Rhodes by Jim & Mim Cook
- 5:30PM Maria Nguyen by Ho Nguyen
- Seferino & Esther Lopez by Pete & Nancy Anzaldua
- Pat Reddick by Charlotte & Tommy Groner
- Frank & Martha Kolda's Intentions by Allen & Janet Daehne
- Joe Shropshire by Dorothy Krause, Judy & Bob
- John Kelly by Kathleen Horne
- Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne
- Sister Patrick Bruen by Margaret Lenken
- Thu. 9/27 8:15AM Amy Shirley's Anniversary by Patricia Janosek
- Fri. 9/28 8:15AM Julio Reyes by Delfina McHugh
- 5:30PM Paul Irvin's Anniversary by John, Debra & Brian Janosek
- Sat. 9/29 5:30PM Elda Perez by Elvira Wendl
- Sun. 9/30 8:00AM For the Parishioners
- 10:00AM Jerry Alan Schiebrel by Tomas Duran
- 12:00PM Joe McCullough by Wayne & Camille Hojnacki
- 5:30PM Grant Joseph Laviolette by Barbara Lund
- 7:30PM Gio & Kim Nguyen by Von Nguyen

"WE CARE" for children and adults



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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Frances Branning, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Reana Carter, Jason Cox, Alicia de Boza, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Martha Kaler, Dorothy Krause, Ed Lewis, Alois Lup, Arlene Lup, Cynthia Lup, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, Roberto Reyes, Raymond Richter, Marguerite Ross, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

## May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Lydia Perez who was buried through our church last Tuesday. Eternal rest grant unto her Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her!

## Financial Report for week ending 9/16/12

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 22,227.87
Other Income .....	\$ 3,150.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 25,377.87</b>

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity .....	\$ 1,885.81
Janosek Scholarship .....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities .....	\$ 15.00
Disaster Relief .....	\$ 1,032.00
<b>Total Other Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,957.81</b>
<b>Total Contributions 9/16/2012 .....</b>	<b>\$ 28,335.68</b>

Loan balance on Youth Bldg  
as of September 17, 2012.....\$1,001,653.39