

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the saying goes, “When the cat’s away, the mice will play.” Father Paul is away this week, and I am asked to write the bulletin. It so happens that this week’s readings are all focused on the word “service,” and so I’m very happy to write this letter.

This past Sunday, since Father Paul and I switched our preaching schedule for the weekend, I was able to go to Houston. I was asked to participate in the fund raising dinner for the renovation of the Catholic Church of Saint Francis de Sales where I served during my diaconate year. (Diaconate year is the last year as a seminarian at Saint Mary’s Seminary.) I was asked to sing a song at dinner in competition with four other priests. These included the pastor of Saint Francis de Sales (SFDS), Father Wayne Wilkerson. A Dominican Sister was also involved. Toward the end of the dinner, I was ranked in all humility at the bottom of the competition. However, someone then matched what had been collected from my singing, so my rank changed to third. And we were not finished yet! Another person matched my fund raising once more to pump the total up so that it was almost equal to that of the pastor of SFDS!

During dinner, they also auctioned some statues. It seemed that people were actively participating in the auction. A statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, about three feet tall, was auctioned for \$600. Overall, the fundraising successfully met the expectations of those in charge.

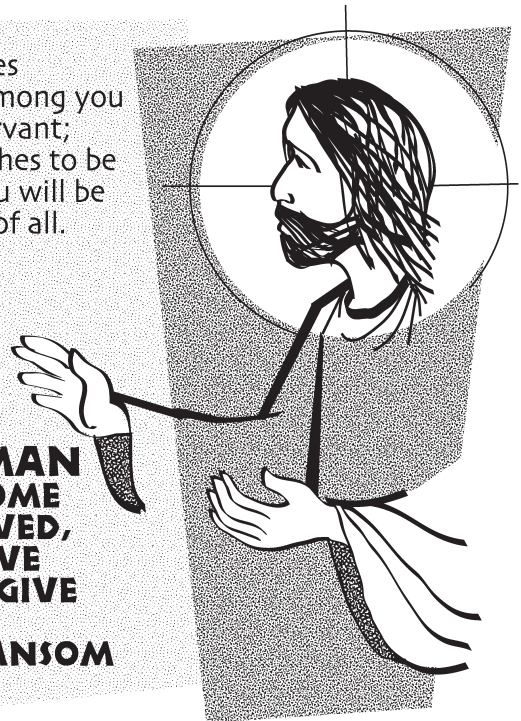
Reflecting on this fund raising reminds me of a humorous story by Anthony de Mello, S.J., which can be found in the book, *The Heart of the Enlightened*. Anthony tells the story of a priest who was walking down a street when he saw a little boy jumping up and down trying to ring a door bell. The poor kid was too small, and the bell was too high for him to reach! So the priest went up and rang the bell for the little fellow. Then, turning to the kid with a smile, he asked, “What do we do now?” The little fellow said, “Run like hell!”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” In doing service to others, through fundraising, auctions, or any other way that would help us to live the words which Jesus taught us, should we just do it without asking or understanding the needs of our brothers and sisters whom we help? The words that Jesus said, “to serve and not to be served” is just one side of a coin; and the other side of the coin is how “to give his life as a ransom for many.” The question, then, is how do we give our lives as a ransom for many besides doing service to our brothers and sisters? Obviously in that humorous story, the priest does not give any ransom to anybody; in fact, he might have had fun with the boy and been angry and upset with the people of the house where he rang the bell!

So, here are some questions for us to reflect

Whoever wishes
to be great among you
will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be
first among you will be
the slave of all.

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on throughout the week: There are two basic ways of choosing one's life in any walk of life: a selfish way and an unselfish way. The questions posed, then, are: "In order to be the follower of Jesus Christ, which way should we choose? In choosing either one, how does it affect others in following the Lord Jesus Christ? Which choice would make the Lord Jesus happy? With which one do we identify ourselves? Do problems arise because the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few or is the cause of the problems the fact that the laborers are missing the point of doing service by giving their lives as a ransom for many?"

May the Lord guide our minds, guard our hearts, and lead our will to do service to others according to His heart's desire and not our own desire. God bless you all.

- Fr. Joseph

Mass Schedule for Next Week

Please note that with Fr. Paul in Italy and Fr. Joseph having to go to a priests' retreat next week, instead of a Mass there will be a Communion Service on Tuesday the 23rd at 8:15 and also on Wednesday the 24th at 8:15. Mass resumes at 5:30PM on the 24th. The School Mass has been moved to Thursday the 25th at 8:15AM

Mass Intentions for 2013

With the large number of parishioners requesting Mass intentions, we began a policy a few years ago here at the parish. We will do our best to honor on a first-come basis all anniversaries of death and birthdays of the deceased. Starting the first week of November, we will begin taking ONLY these 2013 anniversary Masses.

All Soul Novena of Masses

The All Souls Novena of Masses start on November 2nd until the 10th. There are envelopes in the back of the church for your convenience. Please fill out the names of your deceased and return by Nov. 1 so they can be placed on the altar during the Novena.

Carnival & Silent Auction

This Friday, October 26, starting at 5:30, St. Pius X Catholic School will host their annual Halloween Carnival. There is something for everyone. The silent auction will run until 9PM See the insert in this weekend's bulletin for all the auction items. There will be: amazing raffle prizes, great carnival food, and wonderful entertainment. Hope to see you there!

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

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet in the Parish Hall this coming Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00p.m. All women of the parish are welcome to join this ministry. Our purpose is to promote true Christian charity, the love of God and of our neighbor, and Christian family life.

Catholic Daughters

Today, Sunday, Oct. 21, in observance of National CDA Day, the Catholic Daughters will recite the rosary in church at 11:30 AM, attend the noon Mass as a group, and have lunch afterwards. The theme for this year is "With God All Things are Possible" (Mt. 19:26). As Catholic Daughters work tirelessly to obtain justice and compassion for the poor, the homeless, the marginalized, and the disenfranchised of the world.

Blood Drive

A Blood Drive is scheduled for next Sunday, Oct. 28 from 9AM to 2PM. A photo I.D. is required. Give so that others may live!

Looking Ahead to this Showing of the Movie,
"Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine"

November 29, 2012, @ 7:00 p.m.

Century 16 Theater

\$10.00 per ticket, only 400 available tickets

ADVANCED TICKETS SALES ONLY!

To purchase tickets, or for more information,
contact the parish office at 361-993-4053

Trip to the East Coast

A trip to the East Coast is being planned for early June, 2013. The route takes us from South Carolina, through Georgia to northern Florida. We will learn more about the history of that area, experience the beauty that is there, and enjoy Southern hospitality. Interested? Please meet in CC#2 this coming Saturday the 27th at 3:30PM. For more information call Sister Barbara Bluntzer at 993-4053.

Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Establishment of the Diocese of Brownsville -With the death of Bishop Mariano S. Garriga in February 1965 and the final sessions of the Second Vatican Council the following autumn, the Diocese of Corpus Christi faced major changes. On the local level, the boundaries of the diocese changed for the first time since the Vicariate in 1874 was erected. The southern four counties of Hidalgo, Starr, Cameron and Willacy were separated from

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, October 21

Black Bag Collection

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

Sale of school Halloween tickets after Masses

1:30PM – Baptisms

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts Award Class – CC#1&2

Monday, October 22

3:30-4:15PM – Ballet class – PH

5:00-6:00PM – Confirmation – YC

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

Tuesday, October 23

7:00-9:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00-4:00PM – Church History – CH

6:30PM – CMSE Core Class – CC#1

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#2

Wednesday, October 24

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

7:00PM – Women's Circle – PH

Thursday, October 25

9:00AM – Altar Society – CC#2

All day set up for Silent Auction – PH

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir- C/R

Friday, October 26

5:00PM – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 27

2:00PM – Wedding Anniversary

3:30PM – Sr. BB- Trip info. - CC#2

6:30PM – Sale of Jerusalem articles after Mass

Sunday, October 28

BLOOD DRIVE

Sale of Jerusalem articles after Masses

8:00-10AM – RCIA – CC#2

11:00AM – 2:30PM - Altar & Rosary Friendship

Coffee – PH

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts – CC#1&2

the Diocese of Corpus Christi and designated as the new Diocese of Brownsville with the auxiliary bishop of Corpus Christi, Adolph Marx, called to serve as the first bishop of Brownsville.

YOUTH CORNER



Middle school youth are invited to join us for EDGE on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30 in the youth center.



High school youth group meets this weekend on Sunday at 6:30PM for "Word of Mouth".

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NOVEMBER FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOT: Who belongs to the Communion of Saints?



We claim this phrase as part of our belief every Sunday when we state the Nicene Creed. Who qualifies? Join Sr. Annette to explore this important aspect of our shared faith life. Tuesday, November 6, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in CC#2.

Adult Confirmation

On Sunday, December 2, 2011, Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey will celebrate Confirmation during Mass at the Corpus Christi Cathedral for adults who have not been confirmed. This celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be for those who are:

- 18 years or older
- have received their First Communion
- registered parishioners and attend Mass on a regular basis
- single, preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage or have been married in the Church
- have not been able to prepare for Confirmation because of a difficult work schedule

Please contact Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiousccx.org. Deadline: November 1



*we have a great high priest
Jesus, son of god*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD

Next Wednesday, October 24, all of the Catechists and CCD children will participate in the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. We will be praying for the special intentions that the children have expressed in their classes. Parents and others are welcome to join us at the Prayer Garden near the parish hall on St. Pius X Drive. Bring your rosaries. We will begin at about 6:45PM.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Sacramental Prep Ila students and to the Catechists Mr. & Mrs. Anzualda.

Altar Servers October 27-28

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 J.J. Arizmendi
Paris Hanna
Luis Lopez
Jacob Lugo
Paxton Hanna

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Kelsey Krnavek
Dalton Rives
Helena Van Maren
Stacia Krnavek
Ryan Rives

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Hannah DeGaish
Taylor Skrobarczyk
Nathaniel Quiroz
Colby Christopher

Lectors

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCT 27 SAT 5:30 P.M. Ron Osman
OCT 27 SAT 5:30 P.M. Dick Poremba
OCT 28 SUN 8:00 A.M. Tracie Jensen
OCT 28 SUN 8:00 A.M. Norman Paris
OCT 28 SUN 10:00 A.M. Ralph Rodriguez
OCT 28 SUN 10:00 A.M. Patricia Stegall
OCT 28 SUN 12:00 NOON Delbert Hooper
OCT 28 SUN 12:00 NOON Marion Maas
OCT 28 SUN 5:30 P.M. Angie Quiroz
OCT 28 SUN 5:30 P.M. Mike Winstead

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



The students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School are back from their week off for Fall Break. It was a nice breather for all of us as we completed our first quarter of school. When we returned on Monday, we jumped right into the second quarter of school with Parent Conferences and final preparations for the Halloween Carnival.

Our Halloween Carnival is only one week away (October 26th). Thank you to all parishioners who bought the raffle tickets that were sent to them through the church mail-out. We appreciate your help. If you have not returned your stubs and money, please do so by Wednesday, October 24. You may bring them by the school office or rectory. You may also mail them to the school using the envelope provided with the tickets.

There are many nice items in the raffle this year. The Justin Bieber concert tickets have been a hot item that have helped boost our sales. We always have at least one or two winners from the parish.

Our carnival will feature lots of fun, food, games, live entertainment and a Silent Auction. It's a nice safe way to celebrate Halloween. The Silent Auction will have great items to bid on. A list is included in this bulletin. It will give you a "sneak peek" of what will be featured. 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. Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph will be climbing the climbing wall, and Fr. Paul has agreed to go a round in the dunking booth.

Our school's September project was to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital through participation in Math-A-Thon. This year we raised \$3,865! Our 5th grade class alone raised \$1,135. The K-3 and K-4 classes participated in "Trike-A-Thon" and raised \$541. Way to go, Blue Jays!

We have two service projects going on currently. One of the drives is for items for the Christmas stockings for our military troops. The other is a drive for coats, jackets and blankets for the Mother Teresa Shelter and Timon's Ministries.

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.

We hope to see you at the Carnival!

Q & A Just what is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

There are three Sacraments of Initiation into Christian life: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The three work together to help us take our place in the Body of Christ.



In Confirmation the Baptized "are bound more perfectly to the Church; they are endowed with special strength of the Holy Spirit, are thus more strictly obliged, as true witnesses of Christ, to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*). In fact, to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation must be received if the grace of Baptism is to have its full effect.

Upon our Confirmation we are given a new and deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, we receive the indelible mark of Confirmation, and we are given greater strength to profess, defend and spread the faith – the job of every follower of Christ.

When the bishop, the ordinary minister of Confirmation, lays hands, anoints with chrism, and says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," we are completely filled with the Holy Spirit.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORE CLASS--TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23—CALL IN TO REGISTER BEFORE TAKING THE CLASS.

The next Safe Environment **recertification** class this will be **November 13** at 6:30 pm in CC#2. There are some changes in the certification process and they will be explained to you. Please bring your BLUE CARD from the previous certification with you.

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

Schedule for re-certification classes:

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

Mass Intentions



- Sat. 10/20 5:30PM Marge Frosch by Jeannie Cersosimo
 Sun. 10/21 8:00AM For the Parishioners
 10:00AM Felicitas Rodriguez by Elvira Wendl
 12:00PM Juan Guerrero by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families
 5:30PM Joe McCullough by Wayne & Camille Hojnacki
 Mon. 10/22 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker
 Tue. 10/23 8:15AM Communion Service
 Wed., 10/24 8:15AM Communion Service
 5:30PM Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald girls
 John & Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne
 Gus Noll by Harry & Jeannie Kemp
 Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen
 Fr. Tom Scecina by Martha & Frank Kolda
 Martha Achee Greene by Anna Vrazel
 Christine Rosenast by M/M Mario Lopez
 Olga De Vega by Camille Habeeb Hojnacki
 Anna Grassedonio by Tommy & Charlotte Groner
 Thu. 10/25 8:15AM Msgr. Michael Adams' Anniversary by the Didear family
 Fri. 10/26 8:15AM Eduardo deAses by Maria deAses
 5:30PM Jerry Alan Schiebrell by Tomas Duran
 Sat. 10/27 5:30PM Freddy B. Wyman by Jeraldine Sykora
 Sun. 10/28 8:00AM Lowell Didear's Anniversary by the Didear family
 10:00AM Anselmo Torres' Anniversary by the Torres family
 12:00PM For the Parishioners
 5:30PM Lucinda Garza, John Garza, Valerio & Martha Garza by Diana Garza
 7:30PM Austin Diep by Lisa Nguyen

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Financial Report for week ending 10/14/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 19,376.80
Other Income	\$ 1,531.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 20,907.80

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$ 31.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 26.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 55.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 16.00
Respect Life	\$ 18.00
World Mission	\$ 45.00
Catholic University	\$ 11.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 202.00
Total Contributions 10/14/2012	\$ 21,109.80

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of October 18, 2012.....\$ 991,244.99

