

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: There was a prediction that there was going to be 100% chance of rain! Instead, the air was pure, crisp, and cool, with the sun’s rays kaleidoscoping through pristine blue skies leaving the ancient edifices and surrounding water awash with stunning, brilliant color. It was almost miraculous that all the clouds had made their exodus. This is how our pilgrimage to Italy began, and it would herald the blessings that we would experience all throughout our journey.

The favorable weather during our arrival in Venice didn’t look quite as promising earlier in the day. While awaiting our connecting flight in the Frankfurt airport, we had seen a newspaper with a photo taken the previous day showing tourists wading in knee-deep water in Venice. The combination of rains and high tides had inundated St. Mark’s Square, leading Venetians to put out platform walkways for foot traffic. This is a common occurrence in this picturesque city; a fact of life that the people have learned to live with in a city built upon water. Our group of pilgrims was expecting to slog around in high water if necessary, but was pleasantly surprised that the weather had cleared. Upon arriving in Venice, we hopped on a boat that took us to Venice proper for Mass at St. Mark’s Basilica and a little orientation of the city of canals. The boat ride seemed to rejuvenate us after a long, tiring journey overseas.

Stepping off the boat, it seemed as if we had entered into another time and another world in a grand city, which in ages past, was the crossroads in trade between the Orient and the West. Our first order of business was to wander around for a while soaking in all of the sights. Then we gathered for our first Mass of the trip in St. Mark’s Basilica, where the remains of St. Mark the Evangelist are purportedly reposed. It was thrilling to start our journey of faith at this centuries-old church dedicated to one of the Gospel writers. This was the first of many signs that were beginning to suggest that we were in for a momentous experience.

After spending a little more free time in Venice, we finally loaded up the boat again, and made our way to the hotel for a much needed rest. The next day, we returned to Venice and found ourselves immersed again in the historical sights of this city. We toured the Basilica, the famous Doges Palace, the prison, and the Bridge of Sighs. We snagged a quick lunch, wandered the back streets of Venice, and watched a presentation by Murano glass master artists.

Incidentally, Venice is significant in the life of our parish’s Patron Saint. Before he was pope, St. Pius X was the archbishop or “patriarch” of Venice. It was his work here that ultimately laid the foundation for his being selected to be pope.

By mid-afternoon, we ventured on to our next stop, Padova (Padua in English). It was here that we visited the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua and celebrated Mass on the second day. This was a moving experience for the

Hear, O Israel!
The LORD our GOD is one!
You shall
LOVE the LORD
with all your heart
with all your soul
✠ with all your mind
and with all your strength
and you shall
LOVE your NEIGHBOR
as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.

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group and very special to me personally, because Anthony is my patron since my middle name is Anthony.

We visited the tomb of St. Anthony and then bunked for the night in a local hotel. The next day took us on a long journey through some of the most magnificent countryside into the heart of Tuscany – Florence. Florence (or Firenze, as Italians know it) is perhaps one of the most magnificent places in the world. It is the heart of the Italian Renaissance. The architecture and art here is unmatched. We explored the church of Santa Croce, where such dignitaries as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli are buried. We wandered the Piazza della Signoria, a town square ornamented by copies of some of the statues of history's greatest artists. The city is an incredible museum in itself.

The next morning, we visited the Academia where Michelangelo's famous monumental statue of David is housed. We also visited the Duomo, which is the cathedral of Florence, and several other sights. We had already seen so much, and the best was yet to come!

(. . . to be continued next week)

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

A Special Debussy Recital

In Celebration of the 150th anniversary of composer Claude Debussy's Birthday, a special recital will take place here at St. Pius X Church, in conjunction with Del Mar College Department of Music on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The recital, entitled ALL DEBUSSY RECITAL, will feature Del Mar College music faculty including: Shao-Shan Chen and David Sutanto, piano; Todd Ehle, violin; Philip Hii, guitar; William Lipman, clarinet and saxophone; Donal Pinson, trombone. Special guest, Dayna Chimelski, will deliver French Poetry.

Healing Mass

Because of All Souls Day Masses this past week, the Healing Mass has been transferred to this Friday evening, November 9th, at 5:30 p.m. Please feel welcome to come and receive the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Acts of Charity

The Act of Charity committee will meet Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm in CC#1. All are welcome.



Attention, All Veterans

The Students and Staff of St. Pius X Catholic School Invite you to join them for a special ceremony honoring all Veterans.

Friday, November 9, 2012
St. Pius X Catholic School & Parish Hall
10:00 a.m.
Parishioners welcome to attend.

State of The Parish Report

This week, all registered members of our parish will receive a State of the Parish Report that outlines many of the accomplishments and ministries of God’s work that this faithful and vibrant parish community engages in.

Also enclosed with the report is a pledge card with return envelope. This is not a new campaign, but rather we ask that you prayerfully consider renewing your gift of treasure to the regular weekly Sunday offertory at St. Pius X. Be assured that we appreciate the great and many sacrifices you make out of gratitude and love so that God’s mission can be made manifest in our parish.

Friendship Circle

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14. We will be going out to eat. More details in next week’s bulletin.

Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Tale of Two Cities. Msgr. Robert E. Freeman, Vicar General of the Diocese of Corpus Christi at the time of Bishop Thomas J. Drury’s death, noted that the “climate of the church in South Texas when Bishop Drury was installed in 1965 can be compared to the introduction Charles Dickens gave his “Tale of Two Cities.” It was the “best of times” because people were still living in the afterglow of the Second Vatican Council’s call for renewal and increased involvement of the laity in activities of the Church to serve as leaven in the world. However, it was also “the worst of times” because there were no models or structures to implement this call. This led to great challenges as dioceses and parishes sought to develop new structures. Both clergy and laity needed training and motivation to implement the vision promoted by the Council.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, November 4

- 8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2
- 10:00AM – Men’s Club Memorial Mass
- 1:30PM – Baptism Class – CC#1
- 4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts class – CC#2

Monday, November 5

- 3:30-4:15PM – Ballet class – PH
- 5:00-6:00PM – Confirmation – YC
- 7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2
- 8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Tuesday, November 6

- 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 – Acts of Charity – CC#1
- 7:00-8:30PM – First Tuesday Snapshots – CC#2

Wednesday, November 7

- 7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
- 9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1
- 9:30AM – Schola – C/R
- 9:30AM – Staff meeting - R
- 3:30PM – Children’s Choir – C/R
- 4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R
- 6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria
- 6:30PM – Alhambra - R

Thursday, November 8

- 1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
- 4:30-5:15PM – Webelos – CC#2
- 6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R
- 6:30PM – PTO General Meeting - PH
- 7:00PM – Adoration – CH
- 7:30PM – Adult Choir- C/R

Friday, November 9

- 8:00Am – 4:00PM – Principals Meeting – CC#1
- 9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2
- 9:00AM – 12:00PM – School Veterans’ Day Celebration – PH
- 4:00PM – Webelos – CC#2
- 5:30PM – Healing Mass - CH
- 6:30PM – Wedding Rehearsal - CH
- 8:00PM – Chopin Concert - CH

Saturday, November 10

- 9:00AM – Perm. Diaconate Reception – PH
- 2:00PM – Wedding - CH

Sunday, November 11

- 8:00-10AM – RCIA – CC#2
- 10:00AM – Scouts at Mass – CH & Cafeteria

YOUTH CORNER



Halloween has come and gone, but on Wednesday, November 7, the Youth Center celebrates, "Lights Out!" Come and be a part of the extravaganza, but be sure to bring your glow sticks!!



This Week - Have you been talking about it? If not, CATHOLIC FIGHT CLUB. Need we say more? We start after 5:30 pm Mass in the Youth Center.

Next Week - Father Abraham had many sons, and many sons had Father Abraham, and we are one of them, and so are you and you and you...Plus, Pentateuch. Don't forget to bring a friend!!

Fall High School Retreat

DON'T MISS OUT! Registration for the fall retreat begins THIS week. Be sure to fill out forms and turn them into the Youth Center before November 25. For more information, visit our website at www.stpiusxcc.org, and go to the Youth page.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD classes resume Wednesday. There is a PARENT MEETING in the parish hall at 6:30.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



ADULT CONFIRMATION DEADLINE:
November 5



On Sunday, December 2, 2012, Bishop Michael Mulvey will celebrate a diocesan Confirmation Mass for adults who have not been confirmed. This celebration is for those who are:

- baptized Catholics
- members of the parish and attend Mass regularly
- at least 18 years of age
- have received their First Communion
- if married, married in the Catholic Church.

If you want to receive Confirmation on December 2, and have not yet contacted Sr. Annette, please do so at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.

Deadline to begin the process: November 5.

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



This Tuesday we will explore the richness of our belief in the Communion of Saints. What do we mean when we use this phrase in the Nicene Creed? Who are we talking about? 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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

Please check your blue cards for expiration date and update if your card is expired. If so, the next Safe Environment **recertification** class this will be **November 13** at 6:30 pm in CC#1. 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

Around the Diocese

St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society will have their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 10 from 9AM to 9PM in the Parish Hall at 3350 S. Alameda. There will be crafts, collectibles, baked goods, a raffle and Silent Auction.

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School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



By the time parishioners read this week's church bulletin, our Halloween Carnival hopefully will be a good memory in the minds of many parishioners and school families. Since the bulletin is printed on Friday mornings and our carnival isn't happening until Friday evening, it is impossible to report on its success. All we can do at this point is hope and pray for good weather for the carnival. We will give a full report in next week's bulletin.

This past week has been one of the busiest weeks of the school year as we prepared for our school's biggest fundraiser. Many thanks go to all of the parishioners who supported our carnival in any way. Many of you bought the raffle tickets that were sent in the church mail-out. We thank you for that. Others will join us at the carnival and will enjoy the food, games, entertainment and silent auction. The Men's Club always helps us by selling Sausage and donating the profits to the school. Many of our teenagers from the youth group help with the games. This year we will be using the new youth center for our cakewalk and toy walk. We are grateful for that! And then there's the Youth Band who provides the music for the evening. It may be a school fundraiser, but it is truly a parish event!

We had a pumpkin-decorating contest on Friday. The categories were: Funniest, Scariest, Most Creative, Most School Spirit, and "I Did it Myself." There were lots of entries that later became decorations for the carnival. The winners in each category were given carnival tickets to spend at the carnival. Their names will be announced in next week's church bulletin.

If you were up early on Friday morning and had your televisions tuned to KIII-TV, then you might have seen some of our students, teachers and parents appearing on the Morning Edition News with John Thomas. We were there to advertise our carnival. Those students who showed up were given carnival tickets since they had to be at the television station by 6:15 a.m.

Next week is All Saints Day on November 1. Some of our students will come to school dressed as their favorite saint. After Mass, they will appear on our televised Morning Announcements where they will tell something they learned about their saint. It will be a fun day.

Next Sunday, the school will have its School Mass at 12:00. Our students will serve as lectors, altar servers, gift bearers and choir members. They will be dressed in their school uniform.

In the week following that we will have a Veteran's Day celebration to honor our men and women who have served in the military. Mark your calendars to attend. More information will follow in next week's bulletin. This event grows larger every year.

Have a blessed week!

Altar Servers

Nov. 9 – 5:30 p.m.

Healing Mass
MC Javier Camacho, Jr.
Nicholas Lee
J.P. Lee

Nov. 10-11

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Brittany McCarty
Dalton Zawicky
Kyle Pekar

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Gabe Skrobarczyk
MC Logan Campbell
Kevin Beckwith
Sophie Campbell
Lucy Kainer

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Jackie Lara
Brianna Salazar
Emily Salazar
Daniel Tindall
Ayden Smith

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

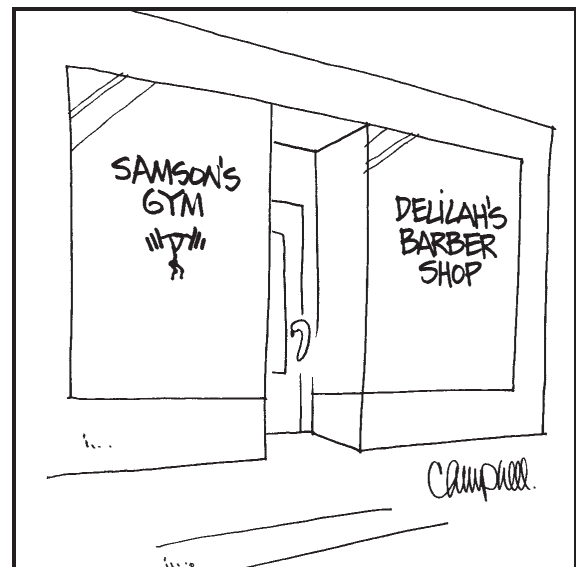
MC Joseph Tarin
Quarter Morrison
Matthew Lutz
Riel Posada
Grace Morrison

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Olivia Tamez
MC Steven Wendel
Josh Ramirez
Kyle Wendel
Sarah Ramirez

Lectors

NOV	10	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
NOV	10	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Kendrea Justice
NOV	11	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Carole Zanetti
NOV	11	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Angie Ramos
NOV	11	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Cub Scouts
NOV	11	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Cub Scouts
NOV	11	SUN	12:00	NOON	Arthur Kaler
NOV	11	SUN	12:00	NOON	Mary Scott
NOV	11	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa
NOV	11	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angela L. Soliz



Mass Intentions



- Sat. 11/3 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
5:30PM Sarah Pigott by the Pigott family
- Sun. 11/4 8:00AM Elvira R. Zamora by Elva Z. Zamora
10:00AM For the Parishioners
12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
5:30PM ALL SOULS NOVENA
- Mon. 11/5 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
- Tue. 11/6 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
- Wed., 11/7 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
5:30PM Ricardo Saenz by family
Arthur Karp by Lorraine Karp
Johnny Gollihar by Helen Shropshire
John Kelly by Kathleen Horne
Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne
Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
Olga De Vega by Marie Habeeb
Ruben Landin by M/M Brent Landin
- Thu. 11/8 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
- Fri. 11/9 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
5:30PM Derbes Family by Paul Tisdale
Tisdale Family by Paul Tisdale
- Sat. 11/10 8:15AM ALL SOULS NOVENA
5:30PM Sarah Pigott by the Pigott family
- Sun. 11/4 8:00AM Joseph Kolda by Martha & Frank Kolda
10:00AM For the Parishioners
12:00PM Sig Black by Isabel Black
5:30PM John & Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne

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Financial Report for week ending 10/28/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 17,507.57
Other Income	\$ 148.00
Restless Heart Ticket Sales	\$ 2,320.00
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 19,975.57

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$ 156.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 125.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 30.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$ 30.00
Respect Life	\$ 76.00
World Mission.....	\$ 51.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 468.00

Total Contributions 10/28/2012 . \$ 20,443.57

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of October 31, 2012..... \$ 982,484.74

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There is no commandment greater than this