

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends, I can still smell the aroma of cappuccino wafting through the air while writing this reflection. Ever since we had arrived in Italy to begin our pilgrimage to the great shrines of Christendom, I had been looking for a decent cup of “honest-to-goodness” cappuccino. Whatever was dispensed from the machines in the hotels definitely wasn’t what I would call cappuccino. Even the coffee wasn’t what I would typically associate with Italian coffee. It was a far cry from the quality of coffee that was served there just a few years ago. Automation is taking over in these places as much as it is here in America.

I finally managed to get an authentic cup of cappuccino at a pit stop along the road to Florence. We only had a few minutes before we were to get back on the road again. I savored the taste of the frothy foam of the steamed milk atop the milky espresso and thought about the past couple of days. We had already celebrated Mass at two significant shrines – the Basilica of St. Mark’s in Venice and the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua. Now we were on our way to the birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence. Forbes magazine rated it as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Indeed, Florence is a city of unprecedented beauty. It’s combination of architecture, art, and culture make it a “must-see” for anyone touring Italy. Around every corner you turn, there is a masterful statue of some religious event, a mythical figure, or a significant historical person. I wish I could have spent a few more days to explore the rich art there, but we needed to press on.

After leaving Florence, we made our way to Siena, which is one of the most picturesque cities that I know. If you were to imagine the ideal Tuscan city, Siena exemplifies it perfectly. Virtually every house and every building is made of various hues of brownish colored stone and terra cotta colored tile roofs. The sloping cobblestone streets add even more flavor to the scenery. The laundry hanging out to dry below the shuttered windows seems to suggest that this can’t possibly be the year 2012. Going to Siena is like stepping back into a bygone era when life was simpler.

We trekked to the house of St. Catherine of Siena and celebrated Mass in the chapel there. When I use the word “chapel,” I use it loosely because in reality, it is a large, very ornately decorated edifice with incredible works of art. St. Catherine was instrumental in convincing the pope to move back to Rome from Avignon, France. Her spiritual writings are some of the finest, and she is considered a Doctor of the Church. On our way back to the bus, we stopped in the Dominican church where the partial remains of St. Catherine are kept.

Finally, we continued our journey to one of the highlights of our travels, Assisi, the city of peace. I think everyone was invigorated by our accommodations there. We wound up at a country resort nestled in the valley below Assisi. The view of the town on the hill was spectacular. I could have easily spent some time in quiet contemplation there, walking along the rows of grapevines. In fact, I could



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THE WIDOW  
WHO GAVE ALL  
SHE HAD.**

**CONTRIBUTE  
NOT FROM  
YOUR SURPLUS  
BUT FROM  
YOUR NEED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE  
POOR IN SPIRIT  
FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN.**

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almost imagine St. Francis of Assisi wandering the countryside in his characteristic simplicity, singing praises to "Brother Sun."

We spent a full day visiting the basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, along with the tomb of St. Clare. We wandered through the meticulously preserved medieval city to do a little shopping, and celebrated Mass. Virtually all visitors to Assisi are overcome by the character, spirit, and peacefulness that mark this unique town. There is something very humbling about the place that inspires a hunger for detachment from worldly possessions. The spirit of St. Francis certainly resides there. We had enough time to soak in this spirit before we headed back to our accommodations early enough to prepare for the climax of our grace-filled experience!

( . . . To be continued next week)

### Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, November 13, in CC#2 at 7 PM. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Members are asked to bring breakfast donations for the Mother Teresa Shelter.

### Thanks to all Veterans

Our parish would like to express sincere thanks to all of the veterans who have served our country and sacrificed so much to preserve the freedoms that we hold so dear. We especially acknowledge and honor those veterans who are processing in the 10 a.m. Mass this weekend. God bless each of you, and God Bless America!



### Friendship Circle

Ladies in the Friendship Circle will meet this Wednesday at 10:45AM in the parking lot by the Rectory. We will arrange rides, and welcome those who can use their car for "car pooling". Our "day out" will include visiting the Art Center (100 Shoreline Blvd.) and having lunch at the newly-opened restaurant, "Citrus". We will be back around 1:30PM. This will be a special day for us in anticipation of the Thanksgiving Holidays. If you have questions, please call Sister Barbara at 945-3976.

### Altar & Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, November 15 at 9AM in

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*

CC#2. Coffee and fellowship will precede the program and meeting. 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 the church office: 993-4053.

## Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity is looking for volunteers to deliver Thanksgiving baskets on Wednesday November 21st. These baskets are being put together from the generous donations given by our parishoners. If you are interested in helping with the deliveries, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church.

**Volunteers are needed** on Monday, November 19 to help separate the food and to assemble the baskets. We will meet in CC#1 beginning at 9:00 AM to sort the food and assemble the baskets in the afternoon. (Please no children under 15)

## OCTOBER REPORT

Donations \$ 2114  
Assistance \$ 1475  
Assisting 7 families  
Assistance given for: utilities,  
rent and emergency travel

THOSE WHO COME TO OUR PARISH FOR HELP ARE ALWAYS GRATEFUL AND ASK THAT THEIR GRATITUDE BE EXPRESSED TO YOU THE PARISH FAMILY.

## Many, Many Thanks!

About 10 cartons of Christmas gifts and snack supplies have been taken to the "Santa's Workshop" in Rockport where volunteers of the "Coastal Bend Troop Support" will pack and send boxes to 100+ active military personnel in time for Christmas.

How generous you were with the variety of items! The classrooms at St. Pius School also contributed multiple "fun games", snacks, socks, Christmas cards and even some letters of gratitude to those serving in harm's way!

Thanks again for sharing your gifts, time, energy, and finances to help out our service men and women, showing that we haven't forgotten them, and helping them to celebrate the season of giving.

## Welcome new parishioners!

Please welcome new parishioners Marvin Figueroa, Jr. and Maria Rodriguez & family.

We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, November 11

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

### Monday, November 12

School set up for Science Fair - PH  
3:30-4:15PM – Ballet class – PH  
5:00-6:00PM – Confirmation – YC  
5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#1  
7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2  
8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Tuesday, November 13

All day – Science Fair - PH  
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  
6:00PM – CMSE – CC#1  
7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#2  
7:00PM – RCIA team - Rectory  
Wednesday, November 14  
7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2  
9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1  
9:30AM – Schola – C/R  
10:45AM – Friendship Circle – Assemble at  
Parking lot

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R  
4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R  
6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria  
6:30PM – EDGE - YC

### Thursday, November 15

8:30AM – Altar Society – CC#2  
1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2  
4:30-5:15PM – Webelos – CC#2  
6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R  
7:00PM – Adoration – CH  
7:30PM – Adult Choir- C/R

### Friday, November 16

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2  
4:00PM – Webelos – CC#2  
6:30PM – Wedding Rehearsal - CH

### Saturday, November 17

3:00PM – Rodriguez/Salem wedding - CH

### Sunday, November 18

2nd Collection: BLACK BAG  
8:00-10AM – RCIA – CC#2  
1:30PM – Baptisms – CH  
4:00-5:15PM – Scouts class – CC#2

## YOUTH CORNER



Santa beats Genie, Genie beats Wizard, Wizard beats Santa...EDGE continues on November 14 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. Don't miss out on the fun!



**This Week** - Father Abraham had many sons, and many sons had Father Abraham, and I am one of them, and so are you and you and you, as we go marching on...Plus, the Pentateuch. Starting at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

**Next Week** - Have you ever felt the following: anger, compassion, frustration, hope, thankfulness, or sadness? Secondly, have you ever felt that way towards God? If you have, you're in good company. Find out more about Biblical Rhythm at 6:30pm in the Youth Center.

**Registration for the Nov 30th fall retreat begins THIS week.** You won't want to miss this! Forms are available in the Youth Center and on the parish website (stpiusxcc.org in the Youth Ministry section); they must be turned in at the Youth Center before November 25.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CCD - PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the students and Catechists of Sacramental Prep II and Fifth Grade who had perfect attendance. The Catechists are: Mr. & Mrs. Pete Martinez and Mrs. Elva Salinas.

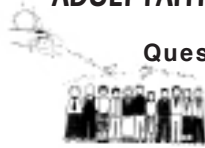


**THANK YOU TO OUR BIRTHDAY COOKIE ANGELS.** Each month we celebrate the birthdays of the children and Catechists. Our cookie angels provide the birthday cookies.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

A re-certification class will be held this Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM in CC#1. Some of you have asked that a Core class to be offered. A Core class will be offered on November 27 at 6:30 PM in CC#1. For the Core class you must call in before the class and register which will entail filling out papers for a background check. If you have any questions please call Sr. Barbara Netek, 993-9024.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### Question and Answer Session

Fr. Paul Hesse will meet with the RCIA members Monday, November 19, in CC#-2 for a Question and Answer Session. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to come. We will begin at 7:00 PM and end no later than 8:30.



## Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Catholic Charities - With years of experience in social services from his time as diocesan director of Catholic Action in the Diocese of Amarillo and the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Bishop Thomas J. Drury established Catholic Charities in September 1965. From a modest beginning the social services of the Diocese grew into full-service centers in Corpus Christi and Laredo.

## Around the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Third Saturday Pro-life Mass & Rosary - Please join Fr. James Kelleher & Fr. Paul Hesse for the monthly Pro-life Mass this coming Saturday, November 17 at 7:30am at St. Joseph's Church, 710 S. Nineteenth Street. This month we also pray for our Lord's guidance of this nation.

After Mass we pray a rosary on a 20 minute walk with a safety escort to the corner of Crosstown & Morgan Street. There we pray a second 20 minute rosary, followed by a third rosary during the 20 minute walk back to St. Joseph's Church. There's an informal meet-&-greet breakfast gathering afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

Everyone's welcome to the Mass and/or any part of the event. NO RSVP needed, just show up—dressed for the weather. If details needed, call parishioner Ruben Rodriguez at 779-3599.

## Symposium on Vatican II Documents

Talks on two of the Vatican II documents: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, and Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, will be given on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10AM to 1PM by visiting speakers at St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles on Violet Road. These two documents were the results of the deliberations of Vatican Council II by the Bishops as they met in Rome. The Council, called by Blessed Pope John XXIII to "open the windows and let the fresh air in: published several other documents to bring the Church to a new place in the Modern World. The symposium is free and lunch is provided; but you RSVP at 882-6191 x 631 by November 14.

## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



*Editor's note: My apologies for re-running an older school news article last week. The following will get you caught up:*

God is good! He provided us with a beautiful evening for our 29th Annual Halloween Carnival. It was a bit nippy, but it didn't stop the crowds from coming out and enjoying an evening of good food, great entertainment, fun games, and an awesome silent auction. We don't have all the numbers in just yet, but from the looks of it, it was very successful.

So many people contributed to its success. It all started with outstanding leadership from the PTO President, Jackie Heath, and the Carnival Chairwoman, D'Ann Tatsch. These two women worked non-stop with their chairpersons to see that every base was covered. The silent auction chairwomen, Becca Taylor and Jessica Kemp, had many helpers who got donations, helped decorate the hall, and worked long hours to ensure that everything worked like clockwork during the auction. Shayd Speed and Sarah Morrison were in charge of the raffle tickets and did a great job of getting the items that were raffled, as well as setting up times and places for the children to sell the tickets. They also were responsible for mailing out the tickets to the parishioners. They did a great job. Jenny Ostrom and Jennifer Smith took care of the games and Catherine Lutz took care of PR and Advertising, getting us a spot on KIII-TV's Morning Edition News. Cathy Harrel and Maria Riojas were the coordinators of the work shifts. Getting people to work in all the different areas at all of the various times is no easy task, but they made it look like child's play. And then there was the food chairwoman, Maria Uecker. Thanks to her, we had lots of choices for food. Many thanks go to the Men's Club of the parish who helped us out by providing sausage-on-a-stick that they cooked and served. Grace and Ernie served food from the Youth Center that housed the cakewalk and toy walk. (Thanks, Fr. Paul, for letting us use the new Youth Center!). The scouts sold popcorn and cotton candy, and the teachers had a pizza booth, thanks to Pappa Murphy's Pizza, who donated and cooked the pizzas for them!

We certainly cannot leave out the guys who set up and helped take down the carnival. That team of dads was lead by Godfrey Vela. They not only worked that day before and after the carnival, but also came back on Saturday to tear down the booths and clean up the grounds. As you can see, much work went in to this event. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our carnival a success. We appreciate you.

The winners of the raffle included two of our parishioners. All winners were excited to learn that they had won something. They are:

1st Place Justin Bieber tickets and 1-night stay at Palacio Del Rio Hotel – Johnny Zepeda

2nd Place iPad – Kim Martinez  
3rd Place X-Box – Rosie Garza  
4th Place \$150 HEB Gift Card – Lucas Guerra  
5th Place \$150 Best Buy Gift Card – Frank Newell  
6th Place \$150 Toys R Us Gift Card – Chris Ramsey

Wnners of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest:

Funniest	Kaden Heath (K-3) (1st Place) Evan Garza (K-4) (2nd Place)
Scariest	Ayden Smith (4thGr) (1st Place) Anthony McCracken (K-5)(2nd Place)
Most Creative	Kathryn Speed (2nd Gr) (1st Place) Keegan Allen (1st Gr) (2nd Place)
Most School Spirit	America Lara (2nd Gr) (1st Place) Grace Hyatt (2nd Gr) (2nd Place)
"I Did it Myself."	Amber Jones (5th Gr) (1st Place) Caroline Speed (K-3) (2nd Place)

### Altar Servers

Nov. 17-18

#### Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Kevin Smith  
Matthew Oliveira  
Jacob Rivera  
Ryan Park

#### Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman  
MC Javier Camacho, Jr.  
Nicholas Lee  
J.P. Lee

#### Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Ryan Trevino  
Sang Hoang  
Natalie Trevino  
Emilee Flores

#### Sun. 12:00 p.m.

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

#### Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Alex Rossi  
Franceska Alvarado  
Millicent Alvarado  
Kelsey Thomas

### Thanksgiving Day

#### Thursday 22nd

#### 10:30 a.m.

MC Evan Rodriguez  
Michael Speed  
Brian Kostoch  
Ellie Ostrom

### Lectors

NOV 17 SAT 5:30	P.M. Peter Anzaldua
NOV 17 SAT 5:30	P.M. Harold Lee
NOV 18 SUN 8:00	A.M. Norman Acker
NOV 18 SUN 8:00	A.M. Teresa Camacho
NOV 18 SUN 10:00	A.M. Kathy Clark
NOV 18 SUN 10:00	A.M. Jennifer Krnavek
NOV 18 SUN 12:00 NOON	Isabel Lopez
NOV 18 SUN 12:00 NOON	Jenny Sehy
NOV 18 SUN 5:30	P.M. Simon Purnell
NOV 18 SUN 5:30	P.M. Alma Tamez

## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 11/10 5:30PM ALL SOULS NOVENA
- Sun. 11/11 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
- Mon. 11/12 8:15AM Margie Rollins' Anniv. by Bernadette  
 Hardcastle & Cammy Mikulenkak
- Tue. 11/13 8:15AM Maureen Noak by Penny Pacheco  
 Erich Wendl by Elvira Wendl & family
- Wed., 11/14 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker  
 Betty Ferris Watts by School Student & Staff  
 Manuel & Alma Tamez, Anniv. by the family  
 Frank & Martha Kolda's Ints. by Marie Vasquez  
 5:30PM Jesus Mario Villarreal by M/M Santana  
 Villarreal  
 Christine Rosenast by M/M Mario Lopez  
 Olga De Vega by Tommy & Charlotte Groner  
 Ruben Landin by M/M Brent Acker  
 Guile & Eliza Vela by Bertha Guerrero  
 Sister Patrick by Art & Mary Salinas  
 Dorothy Krause's Ints. by Art & Mary Salinas
- Thu. 11/15 8:15AM Paul Ketteler's Anniv. by Jim & Mim Cook
- Fri. 11/16 8:15AM Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco  
 5:30PM Joe McCullough by Wayne & Camille  
 Hojnacki
- Sat. 11/17 5:30PM Ray & Lola Rose's Anniv. by Agnes  
 Heiman, Estella Potsches & family
- Sun. 11/18 8:00AM Gregorio Zamora, Sr. & Manuel Laurel by  
 Elva Z. Laurel  
 10:00AM Johnny Gollihar's Anniv. by Helen  
 Shropshire  
 12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners



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## Financial Report for week ending 11/4/2012

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection .....\$ 27,993.81  
 Other Income .....\$ 240.00  
 Restless Heart Ticket Sales .....\$ 1,070.00  
**Total Operating Revenue.....\$ 29,303.81**

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....\$ 75.00  
 Janosek Scholarship.....\$ 25.00  
**Total Other Contributions.....\$ 100.00**  
**Total Contributions 11/4/2012 ...\$ 29,403.81**

### Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of October 31, 2012.....\$ 982,484.74

