

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: What does a priest look like? What does a sister, a brother, or a deacon look like? I think we all have assumptions about what kind of person would have a vocation to the priesthood, the consecrated life, or the diaconate. However, we might be surprised by who God actually calls to one of these vocations.

In my wildest dreams, I would never have thought that I would become a priest. If someone were to have mentioned to me during my adolescent or teenage years that I was a good candidate for the priesthood, I would have laughed and said, “no way!” In fact, while I was still an elementary school student and a young altar server here at St. Pius X, Msgr. Adams looked at me before Mass one Sunday, and told me that I was going to be a priest. Being very shy in those days, I simply looked up at him and shook my head to let him know that I didn’t think so.

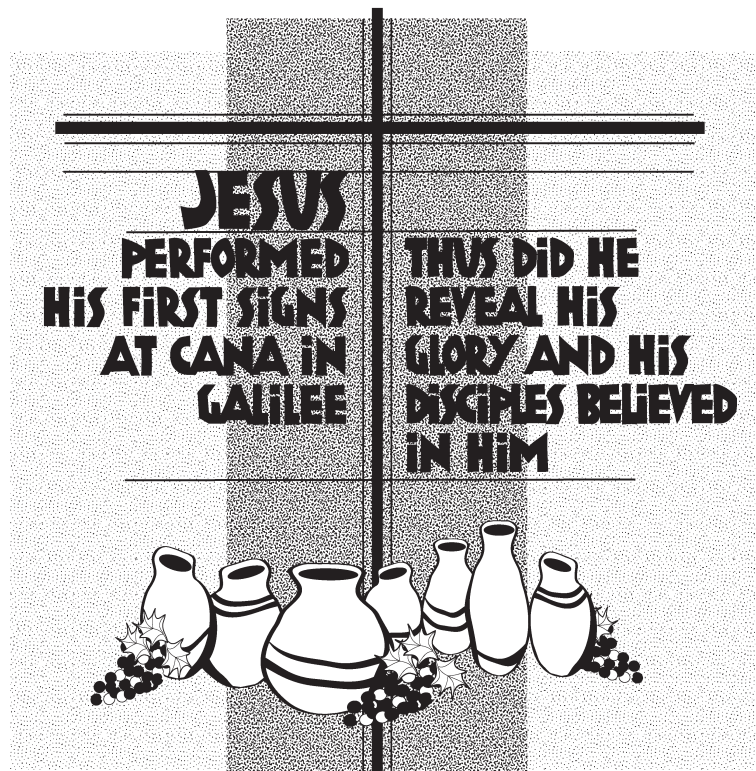
Without my realizing it, Msgr. Adams had planted a seed in my heart. It wasn’t until much later, as I was nearing ordination, that it dawned on me how God had used him to plant that seed. As I continued to ponder my path to the priesthood, I began to realize how many other circumstances God had used to get me to where he wanted me to be.

Some parishioners have since told me that they saw it coming. They saw me serving at the altar and sensed that I might one day be a priest. I certainly didn’t see it. I know that my parents didn’t see it coming either. I was perhaps the most unlikely in my family to have a vocation. I had other interests, like a career, a family, and my hobbies. Church was important to me, but I would never have believed that I would be dedicating my life to it. Yet, God had other plans. Now, by the grace of God, I am back home as pastor of this wonderful parish. I would never have envisioned that either!

In its relatively short existence, St. Pius X has been blessed with a number of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Several of its sons and daughters have responded to the call of God to serve in these capacities. Who knows how many more he will call forth from our community of faith?

What will they look like? One thing is sure. They will look like ordinary individuals who are as normal as you and I. God calls whomever he wants, even if he or she does not feel particularly worthy. He calls ordinary persons to do extraordinary things, and he supplies them with the grace necessary to do them.

This weekend begins National Vocation Awareness Week. The feast that we celebrate this weekend is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan marks the beginning of his public ministry. It was at His baptism that he began to gather disciples around himself and he began his saving work. Likewise, our baptism carries with it a call to discipleship. Our baptismal



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call is very specific and unique to each and every one of us. Some of us are called to married life or single life. Some of us are called to serve the Lord through our professions. Some of us are called to model holiness of life through the raising of families and the rearing of children. Some are called to single-hearted service to the church and community while remaining single.

Some are also called by baptism, to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. I would like to encourage you to pray for vocations in our parish. If you see someone that you think has the qualities and character to become a priest, a sister, or a deacon, ask them if they have thought about it. You may also recommend certain individuals to us and we can approach them. Studies show that the majority of individuals who enter one of these vocations had someone encourage them. Also, pray that those who choose the vocation of marriage will live good and holy marriages. Holy priests and nuns come from families where there are solid marriages. God bless!

## May They Rest in Peace

Richard Rodriguez, son of parishioners Bonifacio and Amparo Rodriguez and brother of Ralph Rodriguez passed away on January 3. He was buried on January 7 in Houston, Texas. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 2:00 here at St. Pius with dinner to follow.

Please pray for Millie Dulak, Dr. John Dulak's mother whose funeral took place yesterday, Saturday 12th at St. Pius.

Also pray for parishioner Juan M. Zepeda who passed away on the 7th and will be buried through St. Pius this coming Monday, January 14th at 11:30AM.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Old Blessed Palms

Please bring your old blessed palms from last Palm Sunday to the box in the vestibule of the church. Palms will be burned to become ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters' meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 15, at 7 PM in CC#1. Members are asked to bring breakfast donations for the homeless.

### 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 on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 7:00PM. 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.

## Friendship Circle

Ladies – we meet in the Parish hall on Wednesday the 16th at 11:30AM. Hope to see you there!

## Entertaining Presentation

THE GOSPEL OF St. Matthew is the basis for the musical production of "Godspell", being produced at the Harbor Playhouse. The story begins with John the Baptist's entrance, parables are acted/sung, and the production ends with a resurrection scene. Many songs from the show are familiar, and the joyful rendition of the story is good family fare for all. Tickets are available by calling the theater; the show is on weekends and runs through early February.

## Retreat for Women

All ladies of the parish are invited to come and enjoy a morning retreat on Saturday, January 26. Retreat begins with an 8 o'clock Mass in church. Then we will gather in the Parish Hall to consider ways in which we can enjoy "Living Christian in Today's World". Sister Annette Wagner IWBS leader, will present ideas and insights--- giving the participants an opportunity to share and discuss. Remember: 8 AM Mass in church; meet in Parish Hall; retreat ends at 12 noon. Please sign your name at the church door if you plan to attend, or call Nancy Anzaldua at 993-6123.

## Official Dedication Ceremony

Martha and Frank Kolda, grandparents of Zachary, invite all St. Pius X parishioners to attend the "Dedication of the Zachary Kolda Elementary School" on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 6:30PM. The new school is located at 3720 Rodd Field Road.

## Note of Thanks

I would like to thank Msgr. Shirley for celebrating my husband's Memorial Mass and to Fr. Paul, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Yul, and Msgr. Anders, for concelebrating at the Mass, also to the parishioners and friends who came to either the Rosary or the Mass or both, and to the ones that sent me cards and Mass intentions. My family and I were touched by the outpouring of love of everyone.

- Wilma Toledo

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, January 13

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

10:00AM-12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts' Class – CC#2

### Monday, January 14

11:00AM – Funeral – CH

3:00-4:00PM – Ballet Class – PH

5:00-6:30PM – Confirmation class – YC

5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#1

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Tuesday, January 15

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

2:00-4:00PM – Church History – CC#2

6:30PM – Scout Flag Ceremony

6:30PM – Men's Club – PH

7:00-8:15PM – RCIA Team meeting – CC#2

7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

### Wednesday, January 16

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

8:00AM – 12:00PM – School class pictures – PH

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

11:30AM – Friendship Circle – PH

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

6:30PM – Alhambra Meeting – PH

8:00PM – Youth Band practice – CH

### Thursday, January 17

1:30PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

### Friday, January 18

9:00-11:AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

1:30-3:00PM – School Talent Show practice – PH

3:30-9:00PM – Vocations Office Dinner – PH

### Saturday, January 19

8:30AM – Journey- Cafeteria

7:00PM – Santo Nino Mass & Reception – CH & PH

### Sunday, January 20

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

10:00AM – 12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

4:00-7:00PM – Scouts – PH

## YOUTH CORNER



**EDGE:** What do you love? Do you love pizza? Your iPod? The Houston Texans? What about God? ALL middle school students are invited to come out to the Youth Center for EDGE and put on display the things that you love. EDGE is January 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm.



**Life Teen:** *This Week* - Who Are You, Really? We challenge teens to examine the foundations they have built their life upon. It presents Jesus as the true freedom for their lives, and challenges teens to build their lives in Him. So, again,

Who Are You, Really? Don't forget to bring your friends tonight, January 13, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center!

*Next Week* - We challenge teens to understand that faith requires obedience; we cannot have faith in God but refuse to follow His call in our lives. Abraham, Mary and the martyrs understood this, **DO YOU? ALL** high school students are invited to join us on Sunday, January 20th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

**Summer Trip 2013:** Sign-Up for the trip **will end on February 3, 2013.** Registration forms will be available at Life Teen tonight!

## Safe Environment

Please check your blue card for the expiration date. Also check the bulletin for classes offered here at St. Pius X. If you are not able to attend a class at St. Pius X, check the Diocesan website for the dates and time of other classes offered around the Diocese. Your blue card and your background check must be up to date if you are ministering in any parish function. If you do not have your blue card you may call Sister Barbara Netek to check the expiration date of your card and your background check. If you are going to attend a class, please call and let us know. You will need verification of your background check and that can be obtained from your parish Safe Environment coordinator or from the Diocese. Next recertification class to be offered is February 12th. For the Core class you will need to come in a fill out an application to be a volunteer or employee in the Parish. Next Core class is February 26th.

## Altar Servers Jan. 19 & 20

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



**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**  
MC Paul Freeman  
MC Javier Camacho, Jr.  
Nicholas Lee  
J.P. Lee  
Santiago Mendizabal

**Sun. 12:00 p.m.**  
MC J.J. Arizmendi  
Paris Hanna  
Luis Lopez  
Jacob Lugo  
Paxton Hanna

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**  
MC Jackie Lara  
Brianna Salazar  
Emily Salazar  
Daniel Tindall  
Ayden Smith

**Sun. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Ethan Pompa  
Luke Bean  
Adam Villarreal  
Benny Myers

## Lectors

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JAN	19	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldua
JAN	19	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Christine Wisian
JAN	20	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Angie Ramos
JAN	20	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
JAN	20	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Cub Scouts
JAN	20	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Cub Scouts
JAN	20	SUN	12:00	NOON	Isabel Lopez
JAN	20	SUN	12:00	NOON	Marion Maas
JAN	20	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
JAN	20	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

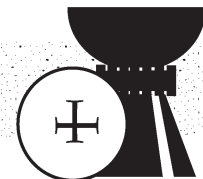
**RE-CERTIFICATION:** Please check your blue cards and if it is expired, attend one of the following recertification classes. There are some changes in the certification process and they will be explained to you. Please bring your expired certification card with you.

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

**Re-certification class dates:**

February 12    March 12    April 9    May 14

The Lord is with us  
BODY, BLOOD,  
SOUL & DIVINITY



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Second semester classes have begun. We encourage all parents to be diligent in bringing their children to CCD and if there is to be an absence please call in to let us know. For our first night back we did have one class with perfect attendance. Sacramental Prep IIb –Catechists Mr. & Mrs. Pete Martinez. Congratulations to the class.



## Thank You Words from the Front

Recall that St. Pius X Parish provided items to go in Christmas boxes to the military. Here are some “words from the Front”. From December 10, 2012:

“We thank you for all you love prayers and support. It’s like Christmas opening the boxes. After everyone gathers around to disperse the goodies, it almost seems like we forget where we are and in some cases start talking about home”

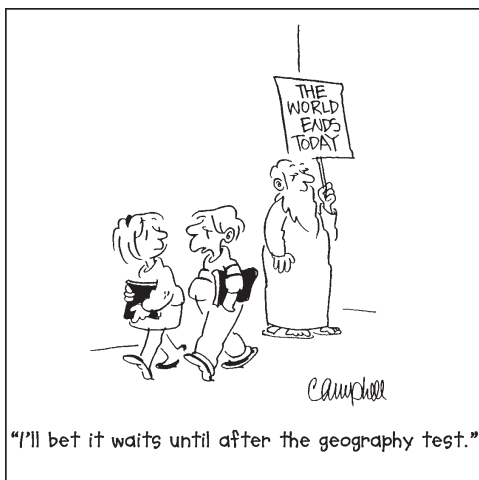
And another: “I just wanted to thank you all for all the care packages I have received from you while stationed here in Afghanistan. I have been sharing them with my soldiers and we are all very appreciative. Everything you included has really hit the spot.”

Finally, “Thank you so much for your donation to the troops here in Afghanistan. The hygiene products and snack will go a long way to help our guys and gals since there is no PX available to us.” (Signed) The Chaplain

So, parishioners, we thank you for your contributions to the packages for our overseas personnel.

## Santo Niño of Cebu Mass

Next Saturday Evening, January 19th, at 7:00 p.m., the Catholic Filipino Community of Corpus Christi will celebrate a Mass for the Feast in honor of the Santo Niño of Cebu. Parishioners are welcome to participate.



## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



This past week at St. Pius X Catholic School was sort of a “ho-hum” week as the students and staff got back into regular routines again. But we are back into the groove now, and ready for the second semester of school.

Our biggest activity of the week was the Talent Show tryouts. On Tuesday afternoon, the Talent Show committee previewed the acts that the students plan to perform. They ranged anywhere from singing and dancing to playing the piano and doing gymnastic routines. There is even a comedian! These students will be getting their acts together in the next couple of weeks so that they can perform them in the Talent Show that will happen on January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Our Golf Tournament committee met on Monday to plan this year’s tournament. It will take place on Friday, April 5, at the Corpus Christi Country Club. It will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. We are looking for sponsors and players, so if you are interested in either, or would like to help plan the tournament, call the school at 992-1343 and let us know. We are going to hold a raffle again this year to go along with the tournament, so look for a letter in the mail from us in the near future. We would appreciate your help with either buying the tickets or helping us sell them.

Our School Advisory Council also met on Monday evening to work on Long Range Plans for the school. We are looking at how far we have come in the last several years and where we want to be in the next 3 – 5 years. Part of our problem is lack of space. Figuring out where we could put a computer lab and an art room isn’t easy when you have limited space and a tight budget. But everything starts with a dream. We have accomplished a lot in the last 5 years with our new playground, fencing, security cameras and Smart Boards. With a little bit of faith and perseverance, we will accomplish our goals.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are already looking at where they will be going to school next year. On Friday they were picked up by the Incarnate Word Middle School bus and taken to the school for a shadowing experience. They got a taste of what middle school is like. They even got to eat lunch in their cafeteria. They enjoyed seeing former Blue Jay students and learning about life as an Angel. On Thursday of this coming week, they will visit Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School. Again, they will be picked up by their school bus and taken to the school to shadow their middle school students. They will eat lunch in their cafeteria before returning to St. Pius.

Have a blessed week!

## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 1/12 5:30PM Reynaldo Ramirez, Sr. by Irma Ramirez
- Sun. 1/13 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by John & Debra Janosek  
 10:00AM Jose Arellano's Anniversary by Elva Arellano  
 12:00PM Bruce Bayerlein, Sr., Dale & Iluminada Gunnar  
 by the Bayerlein family  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 1/14 8:15AM Dora Almendarez by Boyd, Swoboda &  
 Almendarez families
- Tue. 1/15 8:15AM Joe Shropshire's Anniversary by Helen  
 Shropshire  
 Bobbie Hardcastle's Anniversary by Bernadette  
 Hardcastle
- Wed. 1/16 8:15AM Angel Escobar by Gary & Kathy Clark  
 5:30PM Joe Ramirez' Intentions by Esperanza Garcia  
 Esperanza Garcia's Intentions by Mary & Art  
 Salinas
- Thu. 1/17 8:15AM Bob Shirley by Art & Mary Salinas
- Fri. 1/18 8:15AM Marcos Jr., Raul & Horacio Laurel by Elva Laurel  
 5:30PM Consuelo Barrientez by Esperanza Garcia
- Sat. 1/19 5:30PM Buddy Moore by Lory Moore  
 Jose E. Salinas' Anniversary by Beatriz Salinas  
 & family
- Sun. 1/20 8:00AM Agnes B. Fox by Jeraldine Sykora  
 10:00AM Juan Guerrero's Anniversary by Ramirez, Leal  
 & Hinojosa families  
 12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners

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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Reana Carter, Riana Carter, Sherry Coveyou, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, 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, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Elida Gonzalez, 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, Graham Hughes, Lucas Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Matteo Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Elizabeth Johnson, Martha Kaler, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Alois Lup, Arlene Lup, Cynthia Lup, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johnnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Blanca Neipert, Anna Nicolas, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, 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, Adrian Sosa, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

## Financial Report for week ending 1/6/2013

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 23,465.27
Other Income.....	\$ 472.00
2012 End of Year .....	\$ 8,930.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 1,560.25
Memorials.....	\$ 495.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 34,922.52</b>

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity .....	\$ 41.00
Janosek Scholarship .....	\$ 76.00
Retirement Religious .....	\$ 5.00
<b>Total Other Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$ 122.00</b>

**Total Contributions 1/6/2012.....** \$ 35,044.52

Loan balance on Youth Bldg  
 as of December 28, 2012 ..... \$ 952,402.79



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