

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: As I write my letter for this week’s bulletin, I am sitting and waiting for my truck to get an oil change. I have to admit that it has required somewhat of an effort to carve out the time to do this bit of routine maintenance. As difficult as it is to pull away from so many tasks at hand to get this done, it is one of those small, but critical things that keep a vehicle in prime operating condition. There is an analogy in here somewhere for spiritual conditioning and healthy relationships.

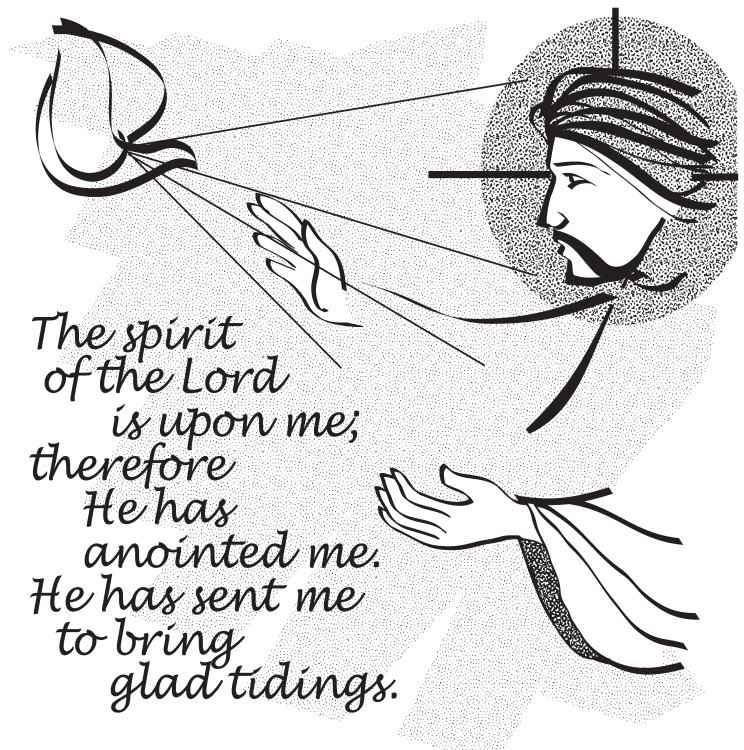
Personally, I’ve always tried to make sure that I keep my vehicles properly maintained to protect my investment and to keep up the resale value. There is a more secure feeling in a well maintained auto than one that is not. A badly maintained vehicle not only leads to more expense in the long run, but it also depreciates the value. Likewise, a properly maintained spiritual life and a spiritual approach to relationships helps us not only to stabilize our faith, but also to value ourselves, our relationship with God, and the people in our lives.

The Gospel this weekend presents us with Jesus attending a wedding at Cana in Galilee. At the wedding, he changes water into wine at the prompting of his mother. Mary was looking out for the bride and the groom and was concerned that the celebration might take a bad turn because they were running out of wine. Though Jesus is not quite ready to engage in miraculous activities since his “hour has not yet come,” he does so at the bidding of his mother. This event gives us a clear picture of the role that Mary has in the Church today; that she is intercedes with her son on our behalf.

There is another thing that is happening here, though. Jesus’ presence at the wedding, and the fact that he blessed this wedding by performing his first miracle, indicates that he is desirous that all marriages be filled with his blessing.

Mindful of this, it only seems appropriate that one of the weekend programs for couples preparing for marriage is called “Pre-Cana.” On the weekend, couples receive guidance to help them look more intensely at their relationship so that they will have a better understanding of the vocation to which they are about to commit.

So where does the oil change analogy come into play in all of this? Well essentially, young people – in fact, all people – who are looking forward to marriage and a relationship of love, ought to make sure that they are properly primed for such a responsibility. In a sense, marriage preparation begins at a very early age. If a person is formed with a closeness to God, they are going to eventually seek a partner who can share that same closeness. More than likely, a faithful person is going to want to find a spouse who can pray with them and share the same hopes as they journey through life together. An un-



*The spirit  
of the Lord  
is upon me;  
therefore  
He has  
anointed me.  
He has sent me  
to bring  
glad tidings.*

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recollected life will not be as attuned to such concerns and later will find problems. A person with a developed and sustained spiritual life will want to seek someone that they can share all aspects of life, including physical, emotional, and spiritual. In effect, he or she will seek someone who can be a partner who supports him or herself in staying spiritually in tune.

Individuals should be preparing themselves for marriage well in advance of the day that they meet their fiancé. Such individuals would be advised to not only develop their own spiritual life, but also to pray for their future spouse. They should pray that God might guide them in their decision and that their future spouse be guided by the Spirit as well.

Consistent prayer and spiritual formation is for everyone. It helps us to comprehend and value that we are loved and cherished by God.

### Welcome New Parishioners

Please welcome Beto & Sally Escobar, Clarissa Silmon and daughter, Kennedi Claire, and Aaron Guzman & Debra Carpenter-Guzman

and daughter Avery.

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

### Old Blessed Palms

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

### Join Us For Adoration!

Have you hungered for a deeper, more personal relationship with the Lord? Join us for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. You won't regret it!

### Remember the Homeless

The Mother Teresa Shelter is in need of sturdy paper plates, plastic ware, and detergent. God reward you for your generosity.

### Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet in the Parish Hall this coming 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.

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#### 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*

## Altar and Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, January 24th at 9:00AM in 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 and Rosary Society. For additional information, contact Emily Dickinson at 446-2401 or the church office: 993-4053.

## Thank You Men's Club

Thank you to the Men's Club for work that was done by club members. The big thank you goes to Bill Marsden, Jim McClemore, and Norm Paris for re-covering the kneelers in the Church's Candle Room. Their work is greatly appreciated by all parishioners. Thank you also to all members of the Men's Club for their untiring service to St. Pius X Church.

## Send a Card, Say a Prayer for...

Dorothy Krause who recently had hip surgery and is still at Bay Area Heart Hospital, Room 307, 7101 S.P.I.D., Corpus Christi, TX 78414.

## Retreat for Women

All ladies of the parish are invited to come and enjoy a morning retreat next 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.

## Memorial Mass

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 this coming Saturday, January 26 at 2:00 here at St. Pius with dinner to follow.

## 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 23rd, 2013 at 6:30PM. The new school is located at 3720 Rodd Field Road. Zachary served as a corporal in the Marine Corps Reserve and was active in the Iraq War. He lost his life on December 4, 2004.

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### 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

### Monday, January 21

OFFICE CLOSED

NO SCHOOL CLASSES

2:00-5:00PM – Scouts - Cafeteria

5:00-6:30PM – Confirmation class – YC

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Tuesday, January 22

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

### Wednesday, January 23

7-8:00AM – 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

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

### Thursday, January 24

9:00AM – Altar Society – CC#2

1:30PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

1:30PM – Spelling Bee practice - PH

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

### Friday, January 25

9:00-11:AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

3:00-5:00PM – Set up - PH

### Saturday, January 26

8:00AM – 1:00PM – Women's Retreat – PH

10:00AM – Baptism - CH

2:00-5:00PM – Memorial Mass – CH & PH

### Sunday, January 27

School sale of Waffle Breakfast tickets

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

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

4:00-5:30PM – Scout's class – CC#2

## YOUTH CORNER



How hard is it to make a new friend? How much easier would it be with a balloon? We have the answer. Plus, every person is made in God's divine image, but how do we honor this dignity in each other every day. For the answers, bring your friends and come to EDGE on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm in the YC!



**This 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 today, Sunday, January 20th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

**Next Week** - After months of data collection and information gathering, Life Teen has come upon the prototype iPhone6. You won't believe your eyes when you see it! Will it fit in anyone's pocket? Do you hear the call? Bring your friends out to Life Teen on Sunday, January 27th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center to find out.

**Summer Trip 2013:** Sign-Up for the trip will end on February 3, 2013. Registration forms are available now at the Youth Center and online at [www.stpiusxcc.org](http://www.stpiusxcc.org).

**Mother Theresa Service Project:** Life Teen will be serving brunch at the Mother Theresa Shelter on Saturday, January 26. We will meet at the Youth Center at 9:30 am, then travel to Mother Theresa Shelter and give out food, until 12:00 pm, or until food runs out. ALL high school students are invited to attend and help.

## Have You Recently Joined a Parish Ministry?

If you are new to a particular ministry at St. Pius X, please come by the office and fill out an application for ministry. You will also need to have completed the Safe Environment training, a background check and signed the Code of Conduct. We are required to have a file on any person in a ministry at the parish. Four documents are required in the file. Application for Ministry

- Copy of the blue card issued upon completion of the SE training
  - Criminal background check
  - Signed Code of Conduct
  - Thank you for your willingness to serve in the parish.
- Please feel free to call Sister Barbara Netek, 993-9024 if you have any questions.

## Altar Servers Jan. 26 & 27

**Sat. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Tessa Heines  
Blaine Buchanan  
Kraig Bray  
Hannah Cazalas



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

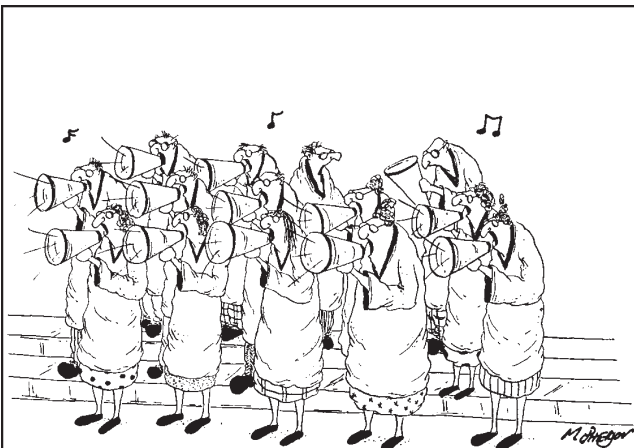
**Sun. 12:00 p.m.**  
MC Sara Rucker  
Ranger Quintero  
Charlie Uecker  
Sarah Calaway

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

**Sun. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Nicholas Nye  
Gareth Purnell  
Gabriel Purnell  
Timothy Nye

## Lectors

JAN	26	SAT	5:30	P.M.	David Brown
JAN	26	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
JAN	27	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
JAN	27	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Carole Zanetti
JAN	27	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Kathy Clark
JAN	27	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Jennifer Krnavek
JAN	27	SUN	12:00	NOON	Geraldine Rice
JAN	27	SUN	12:00	NOON	Mary Scott
JAN	27	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain
JAN	27	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angela L. Soliz



"I think it's about time they broke down and got us some microphones."



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**— The following class is proud to boast of perfect attendance amid all of the flu and illness going around. Congratulations to Ms Patricia McKenna and her third grade students.

**WELCOME!** - We welcome our new student Kennedy Silmon to our Fourth Grade class!

**SACRAMENTAL PREP II** students are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat for them will be on February 16th, 8:15 – 12:30. All students and parent(s) of these students are required to attend. There is NO make-up retreat. Please make sure your calendar is marked.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This weekend Jenny Ostrom, Camilla Mikeulencak, and Melanie Lee will complete Level I formation for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - this is a huge accomplishment for them and a blessing for our parish Catechetical ministry. Congratulations!

## 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.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

**RE-CERTIFICATION:** Please check your blue cards and if it is expired, attend one of the following recertification classes to update your card. 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

## School News

*By Principal Kathy Clark*



It was Vocations Week last week and to increase awareness of religious vocations, Fr. Ed Roach, visited our children in K-3 to 6th grade and spoke to them about his own vocation to the priesthood. They all enjoyed his talk. Deacon Manny will visit with the upper grades next week and talk about his journey to becoming a deacon. We all look forward to that.

Our 6th graders visited Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School last Thursday. They were picked up and taken to the school on their school bus. It was an opportunity for them to look at what BGMPs has to offer middle school students. The week before our students visited Incarnate Word Middle School to shadow and have lunch with their middle school students. They now have a little taste of what next year will hold for them.

Last Tuesday the school was presented with a United States flag that had flown over the U. S. Capitol. The parish was presented with a Texas flag that had flown over the Texas State Capitol building. Both flags were given to us from the Tiger Scouts' Den 7, a group of 1st graders. Thanks, Tiger Scouts!

Our Golf Tournament committee had a "working" meeting on Monday. They put together the raffle tickets that are being sent to parishioners this week. We are hoping our parishioners will either purchase or sell the 10 tickets to their friends and neighbors. The tournament isn't until April 5, 2013, so there is plenty of time to sell or buy them. The tickets sell for \$2 each.

We are putting the final touches on our National Catholic Schools Week activities that will be happening January 27 through February 3. They include a parade, a spelling bee, an Open House, a talent show, a book fair, and a basketball game between our 6th graders and parents. Throw in a book character dress up day, a crazy hat day and a college t-shirt day with some pig races, and it adds up to a fun week. The week will end with a school Mass and a French Toast breakfast from Hester's on Sunday, February 3. We hope that our parishioners will visit our school during the week and see for themselves what a great parish school we have! They are also invited to the breakfast on Sunday.

During the week following National Catholic Schools Week, we will begin our Pre-registration for the 2013-14 school year. We begin with allowing our currently enrolled students to register first. After that, it's open to parishioners, and then to the public. If you are thinking about enrolling your child in a Catholic school, come visit us during our Open House on Wednesday, January 30, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. You will see why we are a Blue Ribbon School. For more information, call the school office at 992-1343.

Have a blessed week!

## Mass Intentions



- 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
- Mon. 1/21 8:15AM Thomas Fitzgerald's Anniversary by the Fitzgerald girls
- Tue. 1/22 8:15AM Gregorio Zamora, Jr. & Gregorio Zamora III Anniversary by Elva Laurel
- Wed. 1/23 8:15AM Dr. James Robertson by Marilyn Bartlett  
5:30PM Jose E. Salinas by Beatriz Salinas & family  
Esperanza Garcia's Intentions by Art & Mary Salinas  
Luis and Alicia Alvarado's Intentions by Art & Mary Salinas  
Bob & Rosemary Little's Anniversary by Barbara Little
- Thu. 1/24 8:15AM In Thanksgiving by Agustina Zapanta
- Fri. 1/25 8:15AM Mathews family by Liz Sefcik  
5:30PM Dorotea Ramirez by Esperanza Garcia
- Sat. 1/26 5:30PM Grace Gonzalez by Martha Saenz
- Sun. 1/27 8:00AM R. J. Shirley's Anniversary by Patricia Janosek  
10:00AM Luis & Alicia Alvarado by Art & Mary Salinas  
12:00PM Jean McCullough by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig  
5:30PM For the Parishioners

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

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, 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, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Terry Garza, 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 1/13/2013

### Operating Revenue:

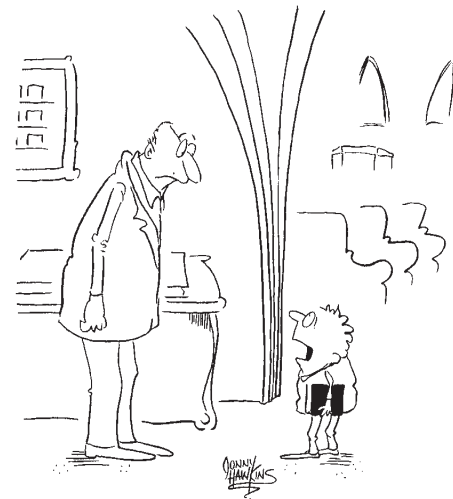
Sunday Collection.....	\$ 21,021.41
Other Income.....	\$ 275.00
2012 End of Year .....	\$ 6,020.00
Memorials.....	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 27,466.41</b>

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity .....	\$ 77.00
Janosek Scholarship .....	\$ 25.00
Retirement Religious .....	\$ 50.00
Missions.....	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Total Other Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,152.00</b>

**Total Contributions 1/13/2012.....** \$ **35,618.41**

Loan balance on Youth Bldg  
as of January 7, 2013..... \$ 949,967.10



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."



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