

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

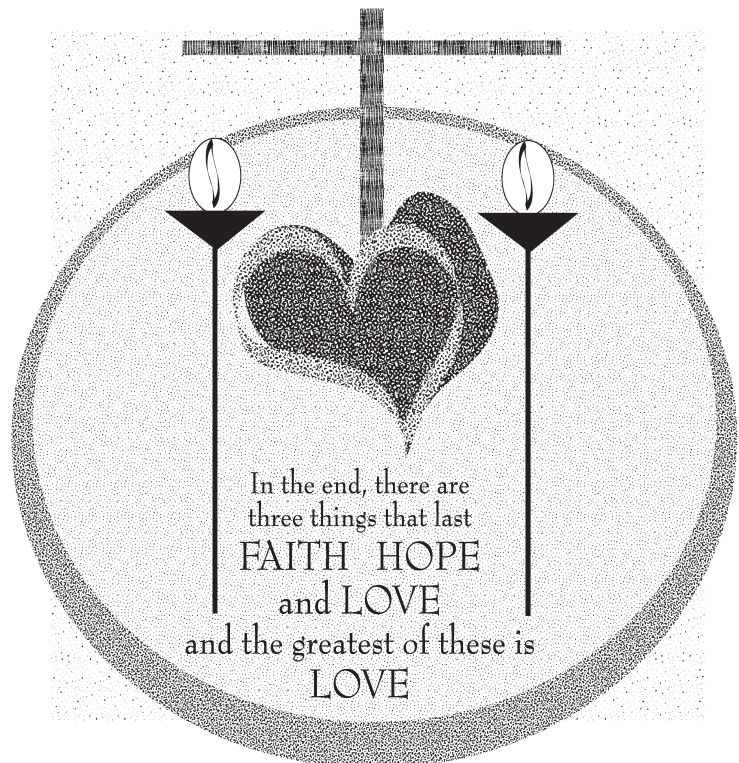
Dear Friends: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you . . .” These words from the first reading convey how intimately God knows Jeremiah, whom he had chosen as a prophet. Even though these words are addressed to Jeremiah, we could easily apply them to ourselves. They can be of great comfort to us, because they remind us that God knows us better than we know ourselves. They also indicate that God has a plan for us and that God has us in his care despite the fact that we often face all manner of trials and tribulations. In the end, we will not fall into perdition, even if bodily harm might befall us.

If you think about it, we live in a world in which there is much insecurity and much immaturity. We are insecure in that we want to be liked and we fear rejection. Some people will bend over backwards not to offend anyone because they don’t want to have to face another’s ire or critique. There are, I am sure, parents who sometimes neglect the responsibility of correcting their children, or to refuse them certain things because they want to be liked. They would rather be a friend to their children rather than a parent. Likewise, there are generally people who ignore the actions of others, or refuse to get involved because they want to avoid trouble. Underlying these things is a lack of respect for oneself or a lack of realization of being loved. Many people fear being rejected and rejection is not fun. So many pretend that things will get resolved by themselves or that others will take care of the problem.

We are immature in that we often do not want to accept responsibility for our own actions. It is easy for many people to lie or avoid the truth. Often people live in a lie. The lie erodes the person’s character and soon enough, a wall of insincerity develops and the person does not know who he or she is anymore. Pride is often at the core of this defect. Self-loathing also becomes manifest. This can lead to the person either acting out or he or she just does not seem well-grounded or self-possessed.

I think that today’s Gospel is a wonderful Gospel for a world that is experiencing spiritual illnesses of this sort. It presents us with the image of Jesus as being someone who is very much assured of himself and focused on his mission. He comes to his own town and begins to proclaim the Good News, but he realizes that his own people will reject him. Yet he does not shy away from the truth to please the people. Despite the fact that these will reject him, he holds fast to the Truth and understands that preaching the Truth will not always make him popular. He is very self-aware and mature.

To be sure, if we embrace the mission that Jesus calls us to, we are going to experience resistance and rejection at times. But we take comfort in the fact that God knows us and he will never let us fall into nothingness. He loves us beyond all telling. We must always do what is right, even if it means that we will not



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always be popular.

This is where the second reading from the Mass comes in. St. Paul writes one of his most lyrical expositions on love. Love is something that bears all things, he says. Love does not keep track of wrongs, nor does it brood over injuries. It is docile, patient, kind, not inflated or rude. Whatever befalls us, love is something that endures.

Love requires great sacrifices. It is often something that suffers pain. When we put so much into teaching the right thing to our children and they do not listen, it is a great suffering. But it is also a part of a mature relationship with Christ. We are called to love and embrace whatever comes our way as a result of that love. Let us always be charitable in everything, knowing that God loves us more than we can ever imagine!

Be my rock
of refuge,
a stronghold
for me
for you are
my rock,
O God



† May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Michael Szepezzy, who was buried through our church last week.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

The 2013 Catholic Stewardship Appeal will be conducted next weekend. As Bishop Mulvey's vision to Strengthen Parish Life is being put into action, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal is an opportunity for you and other parishioners in the diocese to support the many ministries of the Catholic Church. This year's appeal provides an opportunity for a portion of the funds to be returned to the parishes that not only achieve their parish goal, but exceed that goal. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Food Handler's Class

In preparation for the Choir's Lenten Fish Fry, there will be a Food Handler's class this Tuesday, February 5th, at 6:00PM in the Choir room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. The charge for the class is \$10 cash, no checks accepted.

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule of Services

6:30 a.m. – Mass with distribution of ashes
8:15 a.m. – Mass with distribution of ashes
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Service with distribution of ashes
5:30 p.m. – Mass with distribution of ashes

Last Week to Collect 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.

Parishioners' Sweetheart Luncheon

The Sweetheart Luncheon for parishioners only, who are age 65 and older, will be held next Sunday, Feb. 10th after the 12:00 noon Mass in the Parish Hall. Please call the rectory office to get your name on the list.

2012 Parishioner Contribution Statements

The 2012 parishioner contribution statements were mailed out this past week. If you have any questions regarding your statement, or if you have not yet received yours, and need a copy for tax purposes, please contact the parish office at 993-4053.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners: Rene and Jeanette Garza and children, Paul and Vicky Chapa and children, Terry Trauers and Rachel Sustaita. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Priests on Retreat

The priests of the diocese will be away on retreat from the afternoon of Feb. 4th to Feb. 8th. Please pray that they have a fruitful time of spiritual renewal. Monday and Wednesday evenings, Communion Services will be held at 5:30 p.m. in place of the regular Masses. Msgr. Shirley will be celebrating 8:15 a.m. Masses during the week.

Recently Baptized

St. Pius X welcomes into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism: Luna Rodrigue, Ryan, Brycen & Hudson Morales, Andro Gonzales, Jeremiah Mendoza, Jaxon Gonzales, Sariah Ramos, Alex Guzman, and Alexa Garcia.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, February 3

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2
8:00AM – 12:00PM – 6th Grade French Toast Breakfast – PH
10:00AM – Scouts at Mass - CH
10:00AM-12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1
11:30AM – Scouts - Cafeteria
1:00PM – Irish Fest Meeting – PH
1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#2

Monday, February 4

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

Tuesday, February 5

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
6:00PM – Food Handlers' class – C/R
6:30PM – Acts of Mercy meeting – CC#1
7:00-8:30PM – First Tuesday Snap Shots – CC#2

Wednesday, February 6

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1
9:30AM – Schola – C/R
12:00Noon – Spohn Hospital Volunteers - PH
3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R
4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R
6:30PM – CCD & Parents – PH, CC#1&2 & Cafeteria
6:30PM – Alhambras - R
8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

Thursday, February 7

1:30PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R
7:00PM – Adoration – CH
7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, February 8

9:00-11:AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

Saturday, February 9

8:00AM – 4:00PM – True Beauty – YC
10:00AM-10:00PM – Filipino Comm. Valentine -PH

Sunday, February 10

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2
8:00AM-12:00Noon – Alhambra Breakfast-Cafeteria
10:00AM-12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1
1:00PM – Sweetheart Luncheon – PH
4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts class – CC#2

Youth Corner



Life Teen: This Week - It's the San Francisco 49ers versus the Baltimore Ravens in what is being called the Harbaugh Bowl. Come join Life Teen as we enjoy a night of fellowship, food and football. We will be showing the game after Mass at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.



Next Week - Just Do It...Be All That You Can Be...Thirst Quencher...The Fresh-Maker...Eat Fresh... Think you are a master of the marketing arts? We want to invite ALL high school students out to Life Teen to check out what Nike and Subway have to do with the Apostles. Don't forget to bring a friend to the Youth Center at 6:30 pm on Sunday, February 10.

EDGE: Ash Wednesday is a week away and thus the beginning of the Lenten season. We invite ALL middle school youth to the Youth Center on Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm to find out more about the Lenten season.

Summer Trip 2013: Sign-Up for the trip will end TODAY, February 3, 2013. Registration forms are available now at the Youth Center and online at www.stpiusxccc.org.

Recreation Night: We will be having Rec Night on Thursday, February 7 outside on the basketball court. We invite ALL high school students to attend and join us in playing Basketball. Lights will turn on at 6:30 pm!

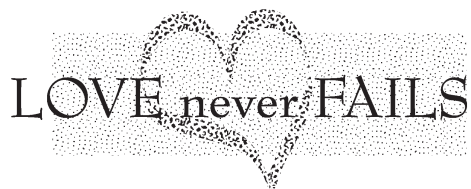
SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

All classes are in CC#1, 6:30 pm

Schedule for re-certification classes:

February 12 March 12 April 9 May 14

Please check your cards for expiration date and update if your card is expired.



Altar Servers Feb. 9 & 10

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
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 Evan Rodriguez
Michael Speed
Brian Kostoch
Ellie Ostrom

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Hannah DeGaish
Taylor Skrobarczyk
Amy Ayala
Noelle Apolinario

Lectors

FEB 9	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Ron Osman
FEB 9	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
FEB 10	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Ethel Dulak
FEB 10	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joan Hennings
FEB 10	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Kathy Clark
FEB 10	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Patricia Stegall
FEB 10	SUN	12:00	NOON	Clay Thompson
FEB 10	SUN	12:00	NOON	Margaret Thompson
FEB 10	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz
FEB 10	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD

PARENT MEETING—A parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Parents of children receiving Sacraments in May are required to attend parent meetings. See you there Wednesday at 6:30pm in the parish hall.



RETREAT—the retreat for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on February 16th, 8:30– 12:00. The child preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a parent must be present. Please do not bring small children. We do not have a babysitter and it becomes a distraction from the retreat. Thank you.

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



Today marks the end of National Catholic Schools Week for St Pius X Catholic School. It has been a fun week that was chocked full of activities every day from start to finish. It began with a parade through the neighborhood on Monday morning and it is ending today with a French Toast Breakfast catered by Hester's, and our school Mass at 12:00. If you attend that Mass, you will see our students in uniform serving as lectors, altar servers, gift bearers and choir members. They always make their principal proud!

The parade on Monday featured the music of the John Paul II High School Band. A fire truck from the Corpus Christi Fire Department lead the way. Mrs. Anna Lozano, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Catholic Schools, and our Pastor, Fr Paul, were our celebrities who rode in a 1928 Model A Ford provided by parishioner, Alice Didear. Each of the classes marched along in back of the band. The sixth graders were able to skate, ride bicycles, go carts, small motorized bikes and skate boards. A Coast Guard helicopter made a special landing at the Dan Whitworth Park adjacent to the school. The pilot stepped out and shook hands with the school children who were deliriously excited to see a real helicopter land in the park. Fr. Paul blessed the newest addition to our playground, the big kids' equipment. It was an exciting morning, for sure.

Our school spelling bee took place on Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall. Forty of our students competed for the championship. The winner this year was a 4th grader, Hannah Cazalas. The contest for the alternate position went on several rounds until we had to end it with a tie. Matthew Lutz, a 6th grader, and Amber Jones, a 5th grader, will serve as alternates at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 23, in case Hannah can't be there. Congratulations to Hannah, Matthew and Amber for hanging in there!

On Wednesday morning, we had an Open House for those wanting to see our school. We had a good turnout of interested parents. We hope they will join our St. Pius family. On Thursday we had a Book Character Dress Day. Students were able to come to school dressed as their favorite book character. They were showcased on our televised Morning Announcements that is broadcast to all of the classrooms via closed circuit television. We had approximately 75 % of our students participate this year. We saw the likes of Fancy Nancy, Pinkalicious, Snow White, Pippi Longstocking, Harry Potter, Sherlock Holmes, and Nancy Drew and her friend, Bess.

Our annual Talent Show on Thursday evening was held in the new Youth Center. Its state-of-the-art lighting and sound system really added a nice touch to the entertainment that included singers, dancers, musicians, a comedian and a gymnast. Many thanks go to Robert Strait and Fr. Paul for allowing us to use their facility.



There was a basketball game between our 6th graders and parents on Friday morning. It was a fun way to end a fabulous week. One would think that we could take a breather this coming week, but that will not be the case as Monday marks the beginning of our Pre-Registration for the 2013-2014 school year. If you know of anyone who might be interested in providing an excellent education for their child(ren), send them our way. We would love to talk to them and give them a tour of our Blue Ribbon school!

We hope to see you at the French Toast Breakfast. The proceeds from it will help pay for our 6th graders' trip to the Outdoor School in Marble Falls, Texas, in April.

Have a blessed week!

Vietnamese New Year Celebration

The Vietnamese community will be celebrating the Vietnamese New Year next Sunday, February 10th. It will start with a Mass at 4:00PM at St. Philip the Apostle Church at 3513 Cimarron Blvd. At 7:30PM that evening the New Year celebration will begin. This will include the traditional Dragon dance, live music, food and drink. To acknowledge the help that the Vietnamese community has received from the Diocese of Corpus Christi, all money collected from the celebration will go to the Diocese and The Mother Teresa Shelter. Please come and join us!

Greeting Cards to the Military

In the CARE boxes that will be sent to the military overseas, greeting cards would add to the spirit of each box. If you have unused greeting cards of ANY KIND, you can drop them into the box provided in the lobby of the church. We will collect them until the end of February so they can be sent in the next mailing.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, February 17 from 9AM to 2PM. Give from your heart! Give so that others may live!

Around the Diocese

The Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores will hold a Lenten Reflection at the Corpus Christi Cathedral on Saturday, February 16 from 9AM – 12Noon. Everyone is invited. Please contact the Cathedral office if you have any questions, call: 883-4213.

Mass Intentions



Sat. 2/2	8:15AM	Kenneth Gerdes by Angie Gerdes
	5:30PM	Jean McCullough by Anna Vrazel
Sun. 2/3	8:00AM	Charlie Gross by Chuck Gross
	10:00AM	For the Parishioners
	12:00PM	Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
	5:30PM	Leroy Krnavek by family
Mon. 2/4	8:15AM	In Thanksgiving by Agustina Zapanta
Tue. 2/5	8:15AM	Michael Szepessy by James & Chris Salem-Carr
Wed. 2/6	8:15AM	Thung & Diem's Intentions Gio A KM Nguyen by Lisa Nguyen
	5:30PM	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thu. 2/7	8:15AM	Marge Frosch's Anniversary by Jeannie Cersosimo
Fri. 2/8	8:15AM	Bill Traeger's Anniversary by Bettie Traeger
	5:30PM	COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat. 2/9	5:30PM	Charles Peterek by Marion Peterek
Sun. 2/10	8:00AM	For the Parishioners
	10:00AM	Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
	12:00PM	Bruce Bayerlein, Sr. & Dale & Iluminada Gunnar by the Bayerlein Family.
	5:30PM	Michael Szepessy by James & Chris Salem-Carr

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, 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, Joe Hardeman, 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 1/27/2013

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 19,360.41
Other Income.....	\$ 350.00
Choir Donations.....	\$ 300.00
Memorials.....	\$ 100.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 20,110.41

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$ 90.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 485.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 40.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 640.00
Total Contributions 1/27/2013....	\$ 20,750.41

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of January 29, 2013.....\$ 941,237.03



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