

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

It is all too easy to take things for granted. Whether it be our families, our friends, our health, or our personal comfort, we frequently fail to recognize or fully appreciate the blessings and gifts that grace our lives.

We know all too well how easy it is to become so preoccupied with everyday obligations that we do not always savor the joys of family life. Before we know it, the children are grown up and out of the house, and the years have passed by in a flash. We then wonder where the years have gone. Sometimes, we wish we could turn the clock back and hold on to those moments and cherish them, but time keeps marching on.

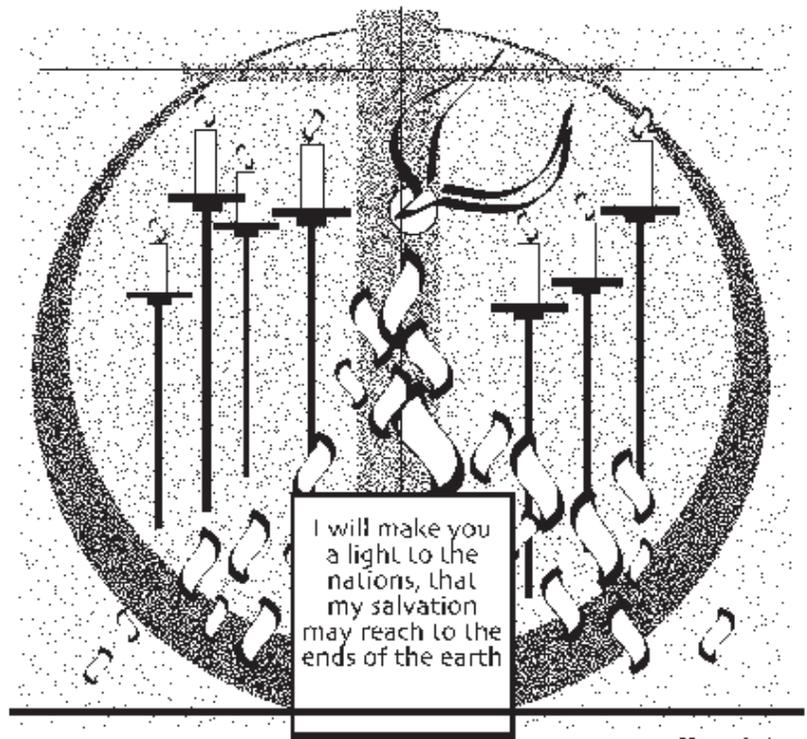
Our health too, is one of those things that we can easily let slip from our grasp if we do not take the time and effort to care for it. We work hard, we run ourselves down, and soon we find ourselves struggling with the bodily issues that result from neglect and lack of exercise.

It is certainly true that faith can fall into the category of under-appreciated blessings. Since most of us grow up in an atmosphere of faith, and since most people in our community share at least some belief in the Lord, it might be difficult and unusual to find someone who does not believe in Jesus. Yet, such individuals are around. To them, Jesus may be just another historical figure who came up with a positive philosophy to live by, but is nothing more significant than any other person who walked the earth.

Why is it that some individuals do not profess faith in Jesus and others do? What is it that the non-believers are missing? There is no explanation except that the Holy Spirit is the one that enlightens us to the true nature of Christ. The Holy Spirit blows where it wills and makes Christ known to those who are receptive through the gift of faith. We could make all the arguments in the world to try to convince someone of the reality of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, but if the Holy Spirit does not touch that person's heart, then we would be unsuccessful.

We do know, however, that when children are given the gift of faith early on, then that nurtured faith proves to be instrumental in enlightening the mind and heart as the child grows. The Holy Spirit, given to the child in his or her early years, instructs and reveals Christ to the child. That is why it is so critical that parents always be diligent about making sure their children are enrolled in religious education or receive a Catholic school education. It is much more difficult to encounter Christ after years of no exposure to him. However, when a child is immersed in Christ all throughout those formative years and beyond, he or she will be bathed in faith. The child's heart becomes predisposed to faith. That's why it is never enough to send a child to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion and then abandon all religious education once they receive the sacrament. They must continue to be exposed to faith education so that what they learn is reinforced in their lives and they won't lose what they have already gained in knowledge.

We have one of the best assets for religious education right here at St. Pius X School. One of the things that is immediately evident about the children at our parochial



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school is that they are indeed immersed in faith. They are intelligent, respectful, and receptive to faith. They are formed into persons of good character and vibrant confidence in God. All one has to do is visit the school to see how Catholic education affects the life of the children in a positive way.

The other asset that we have at our parish is an excellent religious education program. Each week, children who aren't in Catholic schools, are taught the basics of the faith, receive sacramental preparation, and have the beliefs of the Church reinforced in their lives. I strongly urge all of you to consider Catholic education in our school, or if not, in our religious education program, so that the life of faith can be inculcated in the lives of your children. In this way, they will hear the prompting of John the Baptist in today's gospel, and be led to Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Please Welcome our New Parishioners!

Marcus & Erin Sabala and children Sean & Madeline, Steven & Angelic Chapman and children Madison & Allison, Marco & Rebecca Castillo and children Jack and Ethan, Bobby & May Myers and children Marina and John and Robert Jr. & Michelle Hernandez. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Newly Baptized

Autumn Raelynn Flores, daughter of Juan and Anika Flores.

Purple Bag Collection

The purple bag collection for the works of our Acts of Charity ministry is this weekend. Thank you for your kindness.

† May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Woodhouse who was buried through our church this past week.

Parish Offices Closed

The parish offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 21st, at 9:00 a.m.

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club will meet this Tuesday, January 21st, in CC#1. It starts with a meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. If you have not already, dues should be paid at this meeting.

Women's Circle Meeting

As we begin 2014 we would like to invite the ladies of St. Pius X parish to join the

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM

Saturday: 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: 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(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 2:00PM*

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 on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The Women's Circle does many things to help the parish. To grow in our membership we need new members, especially young ladies of the parish to join us to bring forth fresh ideas. Some the things we do are fundraising for the parish, donate to Mother Teresa House, share altar duty in caring for the sanctuary and help supply the altar bread, wine and candles during the months of July – December. At our meeting a complimentary dinner is served. Ladies, please bring 10 copies of your favorite recipe to the meeting to share with the members. For additional information call Adele Hesse at 991-4063 or Dottie Duerr at 986-9933.

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting

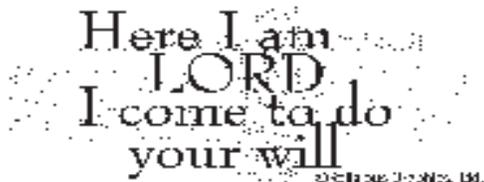
The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, January 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in CC #2. All members are urged to attend this meeting as Fr. Paul will be reviewing the proper care of sacred vessels. All women of St. Pius X parish are invited to join the Altar and Rosary Society. Members share duties in caring for the sanctuary and sacristy and help supply the altar breads, wine and candles for worship during the months January thru June. For additional information, contact Emily Dickinson 446-2401.

Knights of Columbus

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for brisket for the Super Bowl. This will be a whole, 10-12lb brisket, seasoned, BBQ'd and sliced. All you have to do is pick it up and enjoy. The price per ticket is \$50 and will be sold after all Masses this weekend, January 18th-19th, and the following, January 25th-26th, by a member of the Knights. We also will have some information on hand in case anyone is interested in finding out more about the Knights and possibly joining. Pick up for your brisket will be on Saturday, February 1st, from 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. in the BBQ pit area. If you can't make it this weekend or next to purchase a ticket, you can call Joseph Hernandez at 361.537.7700.

Items for the Military

Once again we will be collecting items to be sent overseas in CARE boxes to our military personnel who are serving in dangerous areas. We will begin collecting food items that can be shipped. Beginning next Sunday, January 26th, and continuing until mid-February, will have boxes in the vestibule for your contributions. Watch for the list that will be published in next Sunday's bulletin...and thank you in advance for your donations.



Comings and Goings



The Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 19

- 8:30AM - RCIA - CC#2
- 9:00AM-2:00PM - BLOOD BANK
- 2nd Collection: Purple Bag
- 8:00AM-4:00PM - Veritas - Cafeteria
- 12:00-2:00PM - Diocesan "True Radiance" - CC#2
- 1:30PM - Baptisms - CH
- 6:30PM - Life Teen "How It Starts" - YC

Monday, January 20

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 2:00-3:00PM - Sultanas - CC#1
- 5:00-7:00PM - Confirmation - YC & CC#1
- 6:00-9:00PM - Knights of Columbus - PH
- 7:00-8:30PM - Adult Faith Formation - CC#2
- 7:00PM - Scouts - Cafeteria
- 7:30PM - Angels - CC#1

Tuesday, January 21

- 6:00-8:00AM - Men's Journey - CC#1&2
- 10:00AM - Journey - CC#2
- 12:00-3:00PM - MAP - CC#1
- 2:00-3:30PM - Adult Faith Formation - CC#2
- 6:00-9:00PM - JTD #126 Meeting - Cafeteria
- 6:30PM - Men's Club - CC#1
- 7:00-8:30PM - RCIA Team - CC#2

Wednesday, January 22

- 7:00-8:00AM - 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
- 7:00PM - Women's Circle - PH

Thursday, January 23

- 9:00AM - Altar Society - CC#2
- 1:30PM - Bridge - CC#1&2
- 6:00-10:00PM - Veritas - Cafeteria
- 6:00-7:00PM - Cub Scouts - CC#1
- 6:00PM - Bell Choir - C/R
- 6:30-8:00PM - Alhambra - PH
- 7:00PM - Adoration - CH
- 7:30PM - Adult Choir - C/R

Friday, January 24

- 1:30PM - Practice for Spelling Bee - PH
- 6:30-10:00PM - Alhambra - PH

Saturday, January 25

- 3:00-4:00PM - RCIA Tour of the Church
- 6:30PM - Catholic Daughters - PH

Sunday, January 26

- 8:30AM - RCIA - CC#2

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE & LIFE TEEN Major News

Camp Covecrest Sign-Up/Fundraisers

At the end of June 2014, the youth of St. Pius X will be driving to Tiger, GA to take part in Life Teen Camp Covecrest. This camp provides youth with all the fun of a camp, along with the spiritual focus of a Steubenville conference. The cost of the trip is \$600, which will cover the cost of the camp, housing, food and travel. We encourage all high school students to take this opportunity to grow in their faith and enjoy an awesome camp experience with 200 other peers. St. Pius X has 25 available spots (includes both chaperones and students), and it is on a first-come first-serve basis. If you are interested, please contact the youth office at 361-452-4513 or at rstreight@stpiusxcc.org. The youth of St. Pius X will be holding fundraisers on January 19 and January 26, 2014. 90% of the proceeds will go towards raising money for some of the youth of the parish to go to this summer camp, while 10% of the proceeds will go back to the parish as a donation from the youth.

The Debut of COLLEGE LIFE/Date has Changed

2014 also brings a new program for young adults looking to continue faith formation, to begin faith formation for the first time, and those looking to discuss the Catholic faith and college. COLLEGE LIFE, which is for 18-25 year olds, will focus on the Catholic faith, while at the same time discussing the major parts of transitioning from youth to young adulthood to adulthood. COLLEGE LIFE will begin on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Center. For more information, please look online at www.stpiusxcc.org or call 361-452-4513.

THE NEXT LIFE TEEN NIGHT...

How do you think creation happened? Can you imagine God the Father discussing with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit creation? What was the process? If you can believe it, the unicorn was the Holy Spirit's idea. We hope that you'll join us tonight at Life Teen to find out more about creation, and the existence of mankind. Plus, for Juniors and Seniors, the Upper Room meets for the 1st time!

THE NEXT EDGE NIGHT...

Babies. Babies are cute. Babies are cuddly. Babies are adorable. And although we grow up, sometimes, you can find a big baby. This Wednesday at EDGE, we play a game fit for Big Babies! Plus, there is only one mother who can truly take care of the baby in all of us. Mother Mary! Learn more about this incredible woman and mother to the entire human race.

Altar Servers

January 25-26

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Stephanie Gibbon
Reagan Gibbon
Jacob Rivera



Sun. 8:00 a.m.
Cristian Toren
Benjamin Toren
Joseph Toren
Justin Gomez

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC Joseph Tarin
Riel Posada
Jacob Lugo
Brian Riojas

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Blake Martin
Matthew Montez
Aaron Martin
Andrew Montez
Brooke Montez

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Brian Pompa
MC Cole Morin
Toby Johnson
Colby Christopher

Lectors

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Ron Osman
25	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dotti Hill-Duerr
26	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Paris
26	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Cub Scouts
26	SUN	12:00	NOON	Geri Rice
26	SUN	12:00	NOON	Art Kaler
26	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Mike Winstead
26	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angela Soliz

Timon's Ministries Annual Fundraiser

Timon's Ministries will be toasting Mayor Nelda Martinez on Friday, February 28, 2014 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Ortiz Center. Timon's Ministries' mantra is "A Hand Up, Not A Hand Out!" Our mission is to help those in need and in crisis situations with food, clothing and guidance. We also provide medical, dental and eye care along with limited financial assistance, to non-insured/low-income, drug free individuals. Individual tickets are \$100 and a table of eight is \$750. Enjoy a gourmet meal, silent auction and music by The Reflections. For tickets or more information, contact us at 361-937-6196 or timonsministries@sbcglobal.net.

Behold the Lamb of God



who takes away the sin of the world

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School News

By Principal Bryan Krnavek

Last week, our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students took part in their classroom spelling bees. The top 10 spellers from each class will now advance to the school spelling bee on January 30th. On Thursday, our School Advisory Council met to finalize pre-registration and tuition for the 2014-2015 school year and received an update on what's next in the process of creating our long-range goals for the school.



Our Golf Tournament committee met again on Tuesday to continue working on this major fundraiser for the school. Kathy Clark, former Principal of St. Pius X School, has graciously agreed to head up this project. Thank you Kathy, our prayers have been answered! We are looking for sponsors and players, so if you are interested in either, or would like to help with 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 in the near future. We are hoping our parishioners will either purchase or sell the 10 tickets to their friends and/or neighbors. The tournament isn't until April 4, 2014, so there is plenty of time to sell or buy them. The tickets sell for \$2 each. Your help with this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated!

We are putting the final touches on our National Catholic Schools Week activities that will be happening January 27th through February 2nd. 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 sock day, a college t-shirt day, a student appreciation day, and it adds up to a fun week. The week will end with a school Mass at 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 2nd. We hope that our parishioners will visit our school during the week and see for themselves what a great parish school we have!

In February, we will begin our Pre-registration for the 2014-15 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 to the 8:15 a.m. School Mass and then visit us during our Open House on Wednesday, January 29th, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Hopefully after your visit, you will realize that St. Pius X Catholic School is the best place for your child to get a good and wholesome Catholic education. For more information, call the school office at 992-1343.

The school will be closed on Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Have a blessed week!

Mother Teresa Shelter

The Mother Teresa Shelter appreciates breakfast donations for the homeless at all times. Items needed: cereal, coffee, cream, plastic forks and spoons, paper goods (plates, bowls, coffee cups.) The Catholic Daughters have placed a box in the vestibule of the church for these collections. God bless you for your kindness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Congratulations to the children and the catechist, Rob Johnson, for having perfect attendance this past week at CCD class. Hopefully we will have more classes with perfect attendance. Parents please call in if your child will be absent from class. 993-9024. Thank YOU!

The children in Sacramental II classes are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask the prayers of the parish family of St. Pius X as we move forward in our preparation.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION

Please check your blue card for the expiration date. It is required by the Diocese that you be certified and up to date on your certification if you are serving in a ministry. If you have never been certified it is time to be certified. You can look on the Diocesan website for Core class dates and for recertification dates. We have a recertification class every second Tuesday of the month.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Exploring the Prophets for Today

As those anointed with Christ to be prophet (priest and king), how are we to fulfill this call? Join our 7-session pre-Lenten study, *The Cry of the Prophet: A Call to Fullness of Life* on Monday, January 20th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, January 21st, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Explore the qualities and concerns of key Old Testament prophets and their echoes today. We meet in CC-2. Any questions, please contact Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.



What is The Acts of Charity?

The Acts of Charity began in May 2012 and we strive to coordinate all of the charitable works in the parish to achieve a unified effort to help those in need. Additionally, if we are unable to assist, we refer them to other agencies. What is the Purple Bag Collection? The purple bag is typically collected on the 3rd Sunday of every month. **Who does the Purple bag Collection benefit?** The Purple bag monies help assist the needs of St Pius X parishioners as well as for people within the surrounding community for utilities and rent. Money is also used to help with projects within the parish sponsored by the Acts of Charity. **How can parishioners help with the Acts of Charity?** You can help with prayer for the Acts of Charity mission, with monetary donations to the Acts of Charity, participation in the various Acts of Charity Projects, or volunteer as a committee member. The Acts of Charity meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in CC #1.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 18th

5:30PM † Jose E. Salinas, Sr. by A. Salinas & family

Sunday, January 19th

8:00AM † Regina Richter, Anniversary by the Brown family

10:00AM † Bill Whittey by Toufic Nicolas

12:00PM † Alvino Campos by Stella Campos

5:30PM For the Parishioners

7:30PM † Dominique by family

Monday, January 20th

8:15AM † Agnes B. Fox by Jeraldine Sykora

† Juan Guerrero, Annv. by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa fam

Tuesday, January 21st

8:15AM † Marcos Jr., Raul & Horacio Laurel, Annv. by Elva Laurel

Wednesday, January 22nd

8:15AM † Janelle Ballard by Randy & Geraldine Sykora

† Gregorio JR. & Gregorio III Zamora by Elva Laurel

Esperanza Garcia's Intentions by Art & Mary Salinas

† Kenneth Harvey by Church & Sandra Cazalas

5:30PM † Buddy Moore by Lory Moore

† Jesus Medina by Elva Arellano Rodriguez

Paul Tisdale's Intentions

Thursday, January 23rd

8:15AM † Jose E. Salinas, Sr., Anniversary by A. Salinas & fam

Friday, January 24th

8:15AM † Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco

5:30PM † Amparo Rodriguez by Elva A. Rodriguez

Saturday, January 25th

5:30PM † Michael Szepessy, Sr. by Carol Szepessy Freeman & family

Sunday, January 26th

8:00AM † Chris & John Janosek by John & Debra Janosek

10:00AM For the Parishioners

12:00PM † Mathews Deceased Relatives by Dorothy Mathews

5:30PM † Tom Rowlinson by Harly & Karen Day



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Financial Report for week ending 1/12/2014

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection \$19,865.74
 Christmas Day \$100.00
 2013 End of Year \$2,275.00
 Solemnity of Mary \$265.00
 Christmas Flowers \$15.00
 Other Income \$110.00
 Total Operating Revenue .. \$22,630.74

Other Contributions:

Janosek Scholarship \$25.00
 Disaster Relief \$20.00
 Retired Religious \$250.00
 Acts of Charity \$20.00

Total Other Contributions \$315.00

Total Contributions \$22,945.74

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
 as of Dec. 31, 2013 \$419,564.21

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Isabel Anorga, Luisa Arevalo, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Lucy Boyd, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Mary Lee Cantwell, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGash, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Annie Dornak, Rhonda Dungan, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Bobby Floyd, Jay Francis, Sherry Frenzel, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Catherine Garofolo, Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Steve Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Suzy Guzman, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Ben Janosek, Elizabeth Johnson, Julie Johnson, Irene Jordon, Tim Kleffner, Dorothy Krause, Dora Lambert, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Joe A. Martinez, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johhnye Lee Mokry, Elizabeth Morgan, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Marguerite Ross, Paul Rossi, Albert Rubio, David Russell, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Amber Saylor, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Judy Slaughter, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mary Ann Starkey, Mamie Stoner, Lydia Tey, Diane Thompson, Norbert & Rosalind Thonnard, Sara Trevino, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, John Weed, Bea Wilson, Jennifer Yaklin, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.