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Finally, all of you, be of
one mind, sympathetic,
loving toward one
another, compassionate,
humble.

Tengan todo unos mismos
sentimientos, sean
compasivos, ámense como
hermanos, sean
misericordiosos y
humildes.

1 Peter 3:8

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Saints Peter and Paul Pastoral Center, blessed and opened on June 29, 2018

Welcome to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. To register in our parish, please contact our office located to the north of our church building or call 935-5002.

Bienvenido a la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo. Es nuestra esperanza que usted se sienta como en casa y entre amigos. Si esta aquí de vista por un día oramos a Dios que bendiga su

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018**

**I will rather boast most gladly of my
weaknesses, in order that the power of
Christ may dwell with me.
-- 2 Corinthians 12:9**

**Decimocuarto Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario
8 de julio de 2018**

**Así pues, de buena gana prefiero
gloriar-me de mis debilidades, para que se
manifieste en mí el poder de Cristo.
-- 2 Corintios 12:9**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

K-5: Sunday, 9:45-11:10 AM
 6-8: Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 PM
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION For those children who did not prepare for or have not received sacraments as scheduled in our parish:
 9-12: Sunday, 9:45-11:10
 2-5: Sunday, 9:45-11:10 AM
 6-8: Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 PM

BAPTISM Parents must come to the parish office for information

MARRIAGE Couples must contact a priest at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date and couples of child bearing age must attend the Marriage Preparation and Natural Family Planning courses as offered and required by the diocese.

In the event of a death, please contact the parish office or priest, as soon as possible

DOCTRINA PARA NIÑOS

Grados K-5, domingo, 9:45-11:10 AM
 Grados 6 – 8, miércoles, 6:15-8:30 PM

PREPARACION DE LOS SACRAMENTOS

Para los niños/niñas que no están preparados o que no han recibido los sacramentos como está programado en nuestra parroquia.

Grados 9-12: domingo, 9:45-11:10 AM
 Grados 2-5 : domingo, 9:45-11:10 AM
 Grados 6-8: miércoles 6:15-8:30 PM

PREPARACION PREBAUTISMAL Por favor llame a la oficina , 935-5002

MATRIMONIO Por favor llame al párroco seis meses antes de poner la fecha de la boda.

Cuando un ser querido fallezca favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial

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- Lectors/communion ministers.....Lisa Hatley English.....930-8737
- Martha Sandoval Espanol.....717-3403
- Caring hearts.....Dora Reyna/Bernice Schwertner.....935-3620
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- Marriage Prep.....Miguel & Carol Nevarez.....
- Choice Wine (Marriage Enrichment).....Miguel & Carol.....
- Vocations Ministry.....
- Food Pantry.....Joyce Wethington
- Hospitality.....Joyce Wethington
- Hospital Ministry.....

Schedule of Masses/Horario de Misas

Daily Mass/Misa de la Semana: Tuesday/martes;
 Spanish/Español: 6:00 PM
 Wednesday/miércoles; English/Inglés: **6:15 PM**
 Thursday/jueves; English/Inglés: 7:30 AM
 Friday/viernes; English/Inglés 7:30 AM

Weekend Masses/Misa de fin de Semana:

Saturday/sabado English/Inglés 5:00 PM
 Sunday/domingo English/Inglés 8:30 AM
 Sunday/domingo Spanish/Español 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
 Confession/Confesión: Saturday/sabado 4:00-4:45 PM
 Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucaristia: Thursday/
 jueves 8:00 AM-6:45 PM

Quinceañeras:

Debe llamar por lo menos 6-8 meses antes.

Los requisitos son: Asistir a una misa regularmente los domingos, asistir a clases de formación religiosa y catecismo antes de la Celebración. Deben tener todos los sacramentos: Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación estar asistiendo grupo de jóvenes y asistir platicas de Quinceañera y el retiro. Call at least 6-8 months in advance. Expectations are: regular attendance at Sunday Mass, faith formation classes and appropriate catechesis before celebration.. The young lady should be baptized, have received Communion and been Confirmed. There are classes and a retreat that must be attended before the celebration.

Finance Council Members:

Joe Rahija Becky Gomez
 Arnie Stork

Parish Council Members:

Joyce Wethington Stella Tan
 Jim Elzner Carol Nevarez Lisa Hatley



EVENTS

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rosary: 5:10 PM English Parish Council: 6:45 PM Third Tuesday Parish Office Cursillistas: 7:00 PM Salón	Rosario: 7:30 PM Español Cambio de ubicación Holy Hour for Vocations: 7:00 PM One Wed. a month	Finance Council: Second Thursday 6:00 PM Office Grupo de Oración 7:00 PM Salon	Rosario: 2:30 PM Español Iglesia

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Os 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Sal 145 (144):2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Martes: Os 8:4-7, 11-13; Sal 115 (114):3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles: Os 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves: Os 11:1-4, 8c-9; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Sábado: Is 6:1-8; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo: Am 7:12-15; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Ef 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mc 6:7-13



The priesthood and religious life are distinct calls from God to share in his mission in the world.

The Priesthood

The priest is an "alter Christus" which is Latin for another Christ. He is called to be a witness of Christ to the flock that has been entrusted to him as their shepherd. He is a minister of the sacraments, proclaimer of the word, teacher of the faith, and steward of the Church. The priest is meant to accompany and lead the flock entrusted to his care through this world in such a way as they are able to reach the eternal kingdom of heaven.

The Religious Life

Men and women called to live the religious life as religious sisters and brothers or monks and nuns are also called to this act of accompaniment. They are called through a life dedicated to poverty, chastity and obedience to be a witness of the life of heaven living here on earth. They are to serve as a reminder and an encouragement to us to live our own lives with hearts and minds fixed on Christ. They live their lives in radical contrast to this world that is fading away.

As our Building "Fund" quickly went to Building "Debt" we are thankful for each and everyone of our parishioners who are so dedicated to getting this project completed and paid for. There are many who have purchased or are working on purchasing a brick, many who have been fundraising for this purpose, we have many who make donations in the dollar collection and using the yellow envelopes. Everyone of you is appreciated and every penny counts!!!!!! Thank YOU!!!

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).
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OBSTÁCULOS

El profeta Ezequiel, san Pablo y el Señor Jesús tienen algo en común en las lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura de hoy. Todos encontraron obstáculos en su ministerio. Ezequiel fue llamado para que profetizara a los israelitas, convertidos en "un pueblo rebelde" (Ezequiel 2:4). San Pablo relata cómo se le ha metido una "espinas clavada en mi carne" (2 Corintios 12:7). El Señor Jesús no puede realizar demasiados milagros en su tierra natal. El Evangelio nos dice que "estaba extrañado de la incredulidad de aquella gente" (Marcos 6:6). Nosotros, también, algunas veces nos topamos con obstáculos al transitar el camino de la fe. Muchas veces en nuestro viaje nos sentimos débiles. Que las palabras del Señor a san Pablo nos animen hoy: "Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad" (2 Corintios 12:9).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Wednesday: St. Benedict
Friday: St. Henry
Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Agustín Zhao Rong y compañeros
Miércoles: San Benito
Viernes: San Enrique; Beato Carlos Manuel (Charlie) Rodríguez
Sábado: Santa Kateri Tekakwitha

Financial Update on the

Building Debt →

Building Debt

(\$1,162,437.46)

Ministers for next Sunday Ministros para el próximo domingo	Lectors/Lectores	5:00 PM Curtis Schwertner Dorothy Schwertner	8:30 AM Elizabeth Noggler Ricky DeLaRosa	11:00 AM Gilberto Alcantar Tere Piñon	1:00 PM Jesus Mendoza Isela Acosta
	Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comunión	Jamie Schacher Chris Gerber Kelly Gerber	Ricky DeLa Rosa Rosemary DeLaRosa Mark Hatley Lisa Hatley Rachel Easterling	Hugo Morales Maria Avila Adela Mendoza	Inocencia Mendoza Guadalupe Garcia Jose Garcia
	Altar Servers/Monaguillos	Rylee Schacher Raynee Schacher	Miranda Orrantia	Ivan Nava	Mayte Hernandez

Mass Intentions		
10 de julio	6:00 PM	✠Edmar Valenciano
martes		Req. Familia Valenciano
July 11	6:00 PM	✠Rafael Garcia
Wednesday		Req. Jeff & Sue Stout
July 12	7:30 AM	✠Mother John Marie
Thursday		Req. Mark & Lisa Hatley
July 13	7:30 AM	✠Rafael Garcia
Friday		Req. Mark & Lisa Hatley
July 14	5:00 PM	✠Gloria Pena
Saturday		Req. Luis Pena
July 15	8:30 AM	✠Irving Truitt
Sunday		Req. Jim & Brenda Elzner
15 de julio	11:00 AM	✠Wendy Beltran
domingo		Req. Familia Beltran
15 de julio	1:00 PM	✠Julio Medina
domingo		Req. Familia Medina-Lara

Birthdays Cumpleaños
July 9: Valeria Borunda, Christine Castillo, Jose Fontes, Cesar Ledezma, Maria Olivas, Miguel Ramirez, Eunice Valles, Pedro Vargas
July 10: Amelia Balderrama, Hector Fuentes, Juana Gonzalez, Brandon Morales, Landen Morales, Denise Rivera, Fernanda Rodriguez
July 11: Joel Armendariz, Joel Armendariz, (there are two) Delores Montoya, Mireada Garcia, Oscar Garcia, Jaycob Joel Huerta, Paul Huggenberger, Zulet Jaramillo, Camilia Lopez, Jaylah Rivera
July 12: Robert Brinkmann, Brenda Briones, Marisol Garcia, Moises Martinez, Miguel Quijada, Cindy Vasquez
July 13: No birthdays
July 14: Alicia Alonzo, Sarhi Garcia, Maria Gonzalez, Paulette Jerome, Victoria Morales, Araceli Ontiveros, Vanessa Rodriguez
July 15: Sandra Garcia, Adan Jacquez, Viridiana Lopez, Itzel Vasquez

Now that the waxing of the classrooms is finished we are able to work in the classrooms, THANKS to Ofelia and Manny Garbalena, Martin Gallegos, Kevin and Ann Easterling and everybody else who is helping to get things organized in the classroom end of the building. It is really starting to look put together. After so many delays it is nice to see it all finally coming together.

Collection: \$7,183.96
Building Debt Donations: \$1,481.04
Parish Feast Day: \$879.04



Thank you to Sharon & Doug for getting the meat prepared and organizing the funeral meal. Thanks to Jose Barraza, Dave Guevara and Sammy & Ricky DeLaRosa for helping with the tables and chairs. Thanks Carmen Tarango and Rosa Garcia for helping with the rice and beans!!! Thank you to everyone who helped out in anyway!!!

Is God first in your life? If God is first; then second, third, fourth, etc. will fall into place. Your life will go smoothly and according to God's plan. Anytime we put something else first, it messes it all up and things no longer go smoothly and we are unhappy. Someone shared this with me last week and I wanted to share it with the rest of the parish, I think this is something we all need to think about.

Thank you to all who helped to make our recent celebrations so successful. Last Friday's celebration of our parish Feast Day and the Blessing of the new pastoral center was so wonderful. It was in complete gratitude to God, that we gathered to see our dream be a reality, and what a reality it is!!! It is so beautiful, functional, and such an answer to prayer!! Our Open House for the community was a fun and successful time too. Our presence in the community was positively presented by a group of people who helped with tours and greeting our visitors. Thanks to everyone!!! And now the work begins...lets get this debt paid off as quickly as possible!! We can do it!!!

Saints Peter and Paul parish family would like to let Maria, Xavier and Evangelina know that we are here for you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help out.



What's Happening???

Upcoming Parish Events

July 11th: Salad Luncheon

July 12th: Open House for First Responders

Upcoming Fundraisers:

July 11th: Salad Luncheon (Building Debt)

July 29th: Food Sale (Building Debt)

Sept. 9th: Festival (Building Debt)

Fundraising

If you want to get a group together to do some type of fundraiser for our building debt, please call or stop by the office.

Festival is coming: September 9th, 2018



If you need help in your booth let the office know, we will announce it [HERE](#).

Yvonne Morales would like to have someone to help her make balloon animals.

The face painting booth could use some help this year also as they will be short handed.

If you want to help but don't know where you can help, let the office know we will put your name [HERE](#).

Everyone of our parishioners should be helping in some way with our annual Festival. Eating and playing in the park on the day of the Festival, is something we all do, that is not enough. We need your help.

Below are the dates that Lifetouch will be in our parish to photograph all the members of our parish. This is a big deal for us right now as this directory we are creating will be an important part of the history of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas. This directory will show all the people involved with the building of our new Pastoral Center. Our goal is 100% participation. So, we are getting the dates out now so that everyone can plan to be here one of the following dates to get your picture taken!!!!

Tuesday	Oct 23	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Wednesday	Oct 24	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Thursday	Oct 25	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Friday	Oct 26	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Saturday	Oct 27	10:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday	Oct 30	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Wednesday	Oct 31	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Thursday	Nov 1	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Friday	Nov 2	2:00PM – 9:00PM
Saturday	Nov 3	10:00AM – 5:00PM

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Dios nuestro, que por medio de la muerte de tu Hijo has redimido al mundo de la esclavitud del pecado, concédenos participar ahora de una santa alegría y , después en el cielo, de la felicidad eterna.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."
--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En los calendarios antiguos se celebraba la memoria de san Cristóbal el día 10 de este mes. Pero, con la reforma del Concilio Vaticano II este pobre santo se quedó sin trabajo sólo por el hecho de no poder comprobar su existencia.

No fue que la reforma del Concilio Vaticano II quisiera haber negado al pobre de Cristóbal ni a tantos otros santos que fueron quitados del Santoral Romano. Sólo buscaba hacer lugar para nuevos santos y beatos; y menos mal, porque eventualmente el Papa Juan Pablo II canonizó y beatificó a más de mil personas durante su pontificado. Muchos de estos santos no son tan bien conocidos como nuestro amigo san Cristóbal.

Aunque ya no está en el calendario eclesiástico, Cristóbal continúa en los tableros de muchos carros ofreciendo su servicio de protección para los automovilistas. Esta chambita la consiguió porque ayudaba a cruzar el río a personas en camino, hasta que un día le tocó cargar con el niño Dios. Su nombre significa "el que carga con Cristo" y es un desafío a todos los que llevamos el nombre de cristiano.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for **JULY** Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Prayer Line/Linea de oración

Tony and Efnita Garcia, Jude Hannemann, Jessie Frausto, Steve Gauna, Willie Weick, Victor Gonzalez, Larry Garcia, Beatriz Ramos, Esther Lerma, Fernando Guevara, Rosa Moya, Irene Huseman, Jose Huerta and Joel Huerta, Adelina Catano, Irma Madrid, Maria Rivera, Jose Dewayne Guzman, Christina Guzman, Stella Rivera, Leon Ramirez, Nora Bernal-Gonzalez, Mark Gillispie, Nora Chapa, Abacuc Martinez. Claro Gil Huerta Diaz, Jose Luis Nava, Pedro and Virginia Frausto, Adan Reyes, Manuel Reyes, Juan Reyes, Lupe Reyes, Felipe Reyes Jr., Victoria Reyes, Diana Reyes, Edgar Macias, Alex Guerrero, Andrea Williams, Craig McConnell, Lilia Castro, Agnes Schwertner, David Cross, Larry Monroe, Patricia Kresta, Augustine Sanchez, Dennis Weeg, Debbie Fetsch, Tim Benavides.

We know everyone needs prayers and there are many, many people suffering from illnesses. We will keep your family member/friends on the prayer list for 3 months. If after 3 months your family member is still in need of healing prayers, please call for an additional 3 months. You can either call Mary at 935-5002 or email stspeterandpaul@hotmail.com Thanks!

Faith Formation registration has ended for this year. If you are new to Dumas you may stop by and visit with us about registering your children. We do verify through the public school that the students are new to Dumas. Our classes will begin on September 12th for our Wednesday evening students and September 16th for our Sunday students. There will be no Monday classes this fall as the Sacramental Prep classes that were held on Mondays can now be moved to the grade appropriate day. Second through Fifth grade Sacramental Prep classes will now be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and 6th through 8th grade Sacramental Prep classes will be on Wednesday evening beginning with Mass at 6:15 PM. The 9th-12th grade Sacramental Prep classes will not change, they will remain on Sunday mornings and begin at 9:45.



There will be no Adoration on Thursdays for the rest of the summer. We do not have the coverage we need to respect the Blessed Sacrament and not leave it unaccompanied. We would like to begin again in September and run through May of next year, we can not do this if we do not have the commitment of 3 people per hour. Our schedule had been 8:00 AM –7:00 PM with reposition beginning at 6:45 PM. That is 10 hours, 3 Guardians per hour so 30 people are needed to continue this beautiful time of prayer. This commitment is not hard at all but it is necessary for all who take on this beautiful responsibility to find a substitute if they can not be here for some reason. Please let us know if you want to continue, if you are currently serving, or if you would be interested in spending an hour with Jesus!! Please understand that Jesus is always in our tabernacle, you are welcome to come and pray anytime!!! The Blessed Sacrament does not have to be exposed in the monstrance for you to spend time with Jesus. Please feel free to come either to our church (the church may be locked) or the chapel and spend some time with Jesus, you may stay as long as you like.



Booth registrations for Festival are not coming in!!!! How will the group that is doing the layout for the park get anything done if we don't cooperate by getting our registrations in??? The following booths have turned in registrations: Carol Valdez (Barbacoa), Martha Lopez (Cotton Candy), Ayde Espinoza (Curly Fries), Rafaela Avitia (Asado & Agua Frescas), Sandra Garcia (Tamales, Champarrado, Café), Mary Swartz (Cookies), Elizabeth Noggler (Face Painting), Leonor Castro ((Nachos, Rooster Eggs, Egg Rolls), Maria Hernandez (Sticky Rice), Brenda Elzner (Volleyball Tournament), Stella Tan (First Aid Tent). That is it!!! In order for us to organize and plan for a successful Festival, we are asking for a small effort on the part of those who will be setting up and selling on the 9th of September. Why is it so incredibly difficult to get these registrations in?? If we can do something to make it easier on all of you, please let us know!!! We need the booth registrations!!!

¡Las inscripciones para el Festival no están llegando! ¿Cómo logrará el grupo que está haciendo el diseño del parque hacer algo si no cooperamos ??? Los siguientes stands han sido registrados: Carol Valdez (Barbacoa), Martha Lopez (Cotton Candy), Ayde Espinoza (Papas rizadas), Rafaela Avitia (Asado & Agua Frescas), Sandra Garcia (Tamales, Champarrado, Café), Mary Swartz (Galletas), Elizabeth Noggler (Face Painting), Leonor Castro (Nachos, Rooster Eggs, Egg Rolls), Maria Hernandez (Sticky Rice), Brenda Elzner (Torneo de Voleibol), Stella Tan (Primeros Auxilios). ¡¡Eso es!!! Para que podamos organizarnos y planificar un Festival exitoso, pedimos un pequeño esfuerzo por parte de aquellos que se instalarán y venderán el 9 de septiembre. ¿Por qué es tan increíblemente difícil obtener estos registros? Si podemos hacer algo para que sea más fácil para todos ustedes, ¡háganoslo saber! ¡Necesitamos los registros del stand!

Good news, we received a few more booth registrations this week!!!

Help us out by getting your registrations in now!!!

Next Meeting: July 12, 7:00 PM

Meat, Bread, supply requests will go in after this meeting.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strength in Weakness

Is Paul serious? Can you imagine being content with "weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions?" (2Cor 12:10) Paul never specifies what that "thorn in the flesh" was. I used to think it referred to a physical weakness, or disability. But some of the commentaries I've read say that it was a person who opposed Paul (think of a "thorn in my side.") That opponent may have been a Christian who Paul did not want to mention by name.

Paul could have been proud of all that God revealed to him, and of all that he accomplished in spreading the gospel. He sees that "thorn" as God's way of keeping him humble. So instead he boasts about his weaknesses. He knows that all the good work he has done have been accomplished by Christ. So he accepted suffering, rejection, setbacks and persecution because they helped him see how much Christ was doing through him.

We can learn a lot from St. Paul. Remember how Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul loved himself in the good sense of accepting his faults and weaknesses. He was always aware that he once persecuted Christians. But that fault enabled him to experience God's forgiveness. I usually try to avoid doing things that show my weaknesses. That means I might miss a chance to see how God can help. Suppose you don't know how to swim, so you stay out of swimming pools. Of course, then you could never learn to swim. But if you get in the water and let someone teach you, you might just find yourself liking the water.

St. Paul says that when he is weak, then he is strong. He knows that God will still work through him, showing God's power to heal the sick and draw converts to Christ, in spite of Paul's weaknesses. Paul did what he could to encourage others to follow Jesus, but he knew the results of his preaching and healing were up to God. When you think that you would fail at spreading the faith, remember Paul and give your weaknesses to God. Then see what he can do!

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¿DÉBIL O FUERTE?

¿Tu fe es débil o fuerte? Muchos de nosotros tenemos momentos en los cuales nuestra respuesta podría ser un simple "¡Sí!" La fe no es algo de una vez y para siempre. Nuestra fe refluye y fluye, junto con los cambios en las circunstancias de la vida, al ir madurando y creciendo en nuestra relación con Cristo y con nuestros prójimos. El Papa Francisco habla de esto en La alegría del Evangelio, cuando él nos anima a ser abiertos a un encuentro diario con el amor de Dios. En estos encuentros, como el que tuvieron las personas en la sinagoga con Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, podemos asombrarnos del amor de Dios y estamos invitados a aceptarlo. La debilidad en la fe no siempre es el resultado de algún fracaso de nuestra parte. Quizá simplemente estamos en una encrucijada, en la que no podemos ver claramente o entender lo que sigue. Es un tiempo que salimos con una fe ciega con la seguridad que el amor de Dios nos espera en cada momento.

DEBILIDAD Y FORTALEZA

Lo opuesto a una fe fuerte quizá no es la debilidad, sino al contrario, poner la fe en nosotros mismos, nuestras posesiones materiales o los demás. Cuando pensamos que podemos hacer cosas por nuestra cuenta, dejamos poco espacio para Dios en nuestras vidas. Cuando desarrollamos un sentido falso de seguridad que está enraizado en las cosas materiales, nuestra confianza en Jesús es bastante superficial. Crecer en la fe nos llama a confiar en la abundante bondad de Dios sobre todas las cosas. Cuando abrimos nuestras mentes y corazones y nos dejamos asombrar por el amor y vida que se encuentran en Jesucristo, nos damos cuenta que no necesitamos confiar en nosotros mismos. San Pablo nos enseña una lección muy importante acerca de esto en su segunda carta a los corintios, de la cual escuchamos: "mi gracia te es suficiente, la fuerza se hace perfecta en la debilidad".

Lecturas de hoy: Ez 2:2-5; Sal 123 (122):1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mc 6:1-6

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One quick way to check in on your family's faith is to take its spiritual pulse. This can be any time, but for families it often works best around bedtime — kids tend to be more contemplative then, anyway.

Ask them about what went right that day and also what went wrong. Did they attempt an act of kindness? Did they see someone hurting? How did they help?

These kinds of questions help open children's eyes. It allows them to see their friends, family and even that mean lifeguard through the lens of Jesus.

If we want them to think, "What would Jesus do?" then we need to help them see him in the world around them. Plus, kids are usually looking to draw out bedtime as long as possible, so why not add God into those extra minutes? It's here that we can water the mustard seeds of faith we've planted as parents.

While the calendar may say summer, it's ordinary time in the church. But for most of us, there's nothing ordinary about family life. There's always something happening. The same should be true of our faith.

As a parent, I've learned that you can make anything a teachable moment, whether it's a beautiful sunset, a ripe blueberry or the first firefly of the season. How we perceive God in our world can influence how our children see him as well. When we make prayer a priority, we increase the chances they will, too.

That's part of why saying grace before dinner or praying before bed matters. More than once, I've had my children stop me on the way out their bedroom to remind me I forgot to pray with them. It's a habit that means something, and for that I'm grateful.

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