

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 8, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners, Well, dear friends, the time has come to say goodbye as your pastor and I am grateful to have shared these past ten years with you offering Mass, the Sacraments, RCIA, Religious Education for children and adults, working with the various councils, committees, and organizations; attending celebrations, offering counseling, completing renovation projects, and anything else I might have missed.

I want to again say thank you for your prayers, well wishes, cards, and letters during this past month, especially for the celebrations in both parishes for my 25th anniversary as a priest and my farewell. I am overwhelmed by your kindnesses and wonder if I will ever get to respond back to each of you, but I hope by way of

this letter of gratitude you know of my thanks and love. Please know that the fine folks of All Saints and St. John will always have a special place in my heart. I pray to God that only the very best will be met for all of you in the years ahead. I am grateful to have served as your pastor and for your willingness to let me into the challenges and joys of your life. There is also the reality that we may not have always agreed on matters concerning the parish, but at least we tried to communicate it and work it out as best as we can. Please remember, I am only human, I pray that you will forgive me for my shortcomings and if you have taken offense at something said or done, I am truly sorry. I pray that

the good times and the work we have done for Christ will be what lasts in our hearts and minds.

With my departure, I remind you that you are in the great care of Fr. Antony Mathew. He is a good man and a good priest, and will continue to carry on the ministry of pastoring at All Saints and St. John. Please welcome him.

I am not far from Stuart, so if you happen to miss the Sunday morning Masses, know that you are always welcome to attend St. Theresa's Sunday afternoon Mass at 4:30 pm. I hope you will come up and say hello some time! Many thanks to all of you, and I pray God will bless you and your families.

Gratefully yours,  
Fr. Ray



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## MASS TIMES

10AM SUNDAY

6PM TUESDAY

9AM THURSDAY AT THE  
CARE CENTER

8:30AM FRIDAY

3:30PM SATURDAY

CONFESSION

(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

4:05PM SATURDAY

ROSARY

4:30PM SATURDAY

### Parish Business & Finance

July 1st

Tithes & Offerings: \$1,701.00

Kids: \$12.81

Building Fund: \$135.00

**This Week's Income: \$1713.81**

**This Week's Expenses: \$1,224.96**

**Please remember your tithes & offerings if/when you are unavailable to attend Mass. The Parish Expenses continue whether you are here or not.**

**Thank you!**

2018 ADA Goal: \$29,802.00

Balance as of 6/29: \$11,482.00

**Trustees:** Janis Gilman,

Robert Bird

**Council Members:** Wayne

Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave &

Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud

Rita Rilea, Financial Secretary

# LOVE FOR THE UNBORN AND OUR ETERNAL REWARD

In Luke 14:12-14, Jesus tells us that the good we do for those who cannot repay us in this world is the most beneficial, because He assures us that we will "be repaid in the resurrection of the just."

Congressman Henry Hyde, one of the greatest pro-life advocates ever to serve in Congress, expressed this idea when he said: "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face the awesome moment, the final judgment...those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world...and they will plead for every-

one who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him, because he loved us."

The unborn are even less able to repay us than the beggars and the crippled and the lame and the blind (to whom Jesus referred). At least, these poor people know that we love them and are able to say "thank you."

The child in the mother's womb not only has no voice whatsoever, but cannot even tell you "thank you". Indeed, love and action for the unborn is the most selfless form of love. In this world, nothing comes from them in return.

## Are We Observers Or "Doers" In The Abortion Debate?

Are we doing enough? The answer is an emphatic "no" as it is so easy to simply tune out and put this horror out of our minds and sight.

Yet, nearly all violence done against human beings involves three types of people: the Perpetrator, the Victim, and the Observer. This is sometimes called the "Tragic Triangle".

With abortion, the abortionist, in collusion with the parent(s), is the perpetrator, the child is the victim, and the observers are all the rest of us. Some believe that we as observers have an equal or greater responsibility than the perpetrators because we can be more objective and, if we were really motivated, we could stop this daily slaughter of the innocents.

We can start by making sure we vote for LIFE in the forthcoming elections.

For other Pro-Life Articles, Videos, or Images visit our website:

[www.pro-lifepieces.org](http://www.pro-lifepieces.org)



Please be sure to join us next weekend, July 14-15, in welcoming Father Antony Mathew as our new parish priest. "Fr. Tony" comes to us following his service at the Audubon and Exira parishes.

**Saturday: Confession 3:30pm; Rosary 4:05pm; Mass 4:30pm Sunday: Mass 10am**

**Daily Masses: Tuesday 6pm, Thursday (Care Center) 9am; Friday 8:30am**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday July 14th

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Eric & Margaret Tiernan  
**Cross Bearer:** Eric Tiernan  
**Altar Servers:** Jodi Bassett  
**Lector:** Carol Smith  
**Commentator:** Roni Wilson  
**Greeters/Gifts:** Eric & Margaret Tiernan  
**EMHC:** Sisters Nesta, Andre, & Chinweze

### Sunday July 15th

**Ushers:** Patrick Tiernan & Tom Doud  
**Cross Bearer:** Dennis Van Pelt  
**Altar Servers:** Alli, Cora & Evie Boyle  
**Lector:** Donna Olson  
**Commentator:** Amy Doud  
**Greeters/Gifts:** Nick & Tanya Boyle  
**EMHC:** Amy Doud, Joyce Van Pelt, Dave Tisl  
**Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions: [joyceannvp@gmail.com](mailto:joyceannvp@gmail.com)**

## Hodges-Leyva Wedding

Ana Maria and Reyes Leyva invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their daughter Lee Reyna Lopez Leyva and Jeffrey Wayne Hodges on Saturday July 14th at 1pm at All Saints.

*The couple is registered on the Target and Amazon gift registries.*

## CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 7-8</u>	<u>Monday 7-9</u>	<u>Tuesday 7-10</u>	<u>Wednesday 7-11</u>	<u>Thursday 7-12</u>	<u>Friday 7-13</u>	<u>Saturday 7-14</u>
<b>9am</b> Adoration <b>10am Mass</b> for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>BD:</b> Felix Young  Knights of Columbus Mtg 6pm	<b>BD:</b> Joe Sherman	<b>6pm Mass</b> for Clair & Pat Dickey  <b>BD:</b> Jerry Dickson	<b>BDs:</b> Joy Smull, William McAndrews	<b>No Mass (Care Center) MOVING DAY FOR PRIESTS</b>  <b>BD:</b> Paige Witte	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Maynard Witkowski  <b>BD:</b> Debi Kasap	<b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:05pm</b> Rosary <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Ed Fordham  <b>BDs:</b> Anne Riordan, Axton & Braxton Bruns

## IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### Sunday Focus:

Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

*As Christians, fidelity to Christ and the gospel must be the hallmark of our lives.*

At first glance our readings seem rather pessimistic. Ezekiel is entrusted with a difficult commission, Paul has a thorn in his side and Jesus is rejected by His own. But in another sense, each reading is a reminder that when our eyes are fixed on the Lord, not even the threat of danger can deter us.

### Monday Focus:

Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

*Daily Prayer enables our encounter with the Lord.*

God is never too busy for us. Nothing we need or ask for is beyond His abilities. Faith allows us to reach out for God when we need Him most, and to thank Him for blessings given and mercies granted. In prayer, we encounter the living presence of God who seeks to enfold us within His love.

### Tuesday Focus:

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

*If we call upon the Lord, He will heal us.*

*His love for us never ends.*

When we read about the works of Jesus, it is tempting to believe they are all in the past. But Jesus continues to heal. He continues to be present and at work in our lives. All we need to do is call on Him, open our hearts to Him and allow Him to transform us for the good of the world.

### Wednesday Focus:

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

*Jesus, Who commands His Apostles to take the message to the people, exhorts us to do the same.*

Twelve ordinary men were called by Jesus to accompany Him on the journey and to spread His Word among the people. It is in Jesus that they, and we, become so much more. He instructed the Apostles to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This instruction holds for us today, as well.

### Thursday Focus:

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15

*The loving care we have received from God without cost must be offered to each other in return.*

As God never turned away from His people, feeding them and healing them even as they turned their backs to worship

idols, so Jesus commands the Apostles to cure the sick and drive out demons from all they meet. We, too, have received loving care from God without cost and so must offer it to each other in return.

### Friday Focus:

Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

*The Spirit of our Father will be with us on our journey.*

Time and again in the Gospels, Jesus warns of persecutions, betrayals and suffering His followers may have to endure. Still, we follow; still, we pass on our faith to our children. We know, as Jesus has promised, that the Spirit of our Father will be with us on our journey.

### Saturday Focus:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

*Those who acknowledge Christ before others will be acknowledged by Christ before the Father.*

Most of us probably have a sense that God has called us...but we are not always sure to *what* exactly. Today's Gospel gives us the courage to discern and explore. Jesus assures us the he will acknowledge those before the Father who acknowledge Him before others.

# AWESOME AND HUMBLE

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, one of the first Cistercians, gave some good advice flowing out of his own experience. Commenting on the Song of Songs, he developed the idea of our responding to the divine love with a kiss. He went on to speak of a kiss of the feet, of the hands, and finally of the lips. Moving on with his imagery, he says that the Lord has two feet: one of justice the other of mercy. And then he speaks of his experience: If I cling to the foot of justice, I become full of fear and am close to despair. I must quickly move to the foot of mercy. But if I cling too long to the foot of mercy, I soon become very lax and remiss and in the danger of losing my Lord. So I sing both of the mercy and of his justice. Yes Christ is the awesome God of Sinai,

Of Isaiah's visions, of the Book of Revelation. He is to be adored and feared, and worshiped, and gratefully loved as the source of all that we are and have. And Christ is equally the gentle, loving carpenter from the hill town of Nazareth, who went about spreading good news, healing and comforting and forgiving all who turned to him.

Undoubtedly, someday—maybe only in the vision to come—this would all come together for us. For now, if we would not fall on one side or the other, we, like Bernard, need to watch ourselves, keep our balance, and in both the mercy and the justice of the Lord; of both the awesome God and the humble Son, who comes to us in love.

**M. Basil Pennington, OCSO**

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Psalm 85

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9: I will listen for what God, the LORD, has to say; surely he will speak of peace to his people and to his faithful. May they not turn to foolishness!

10: Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him; glory will dwell in our land.

11: Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss.

12: Truth will spring from the earth; justice will look down from heaven.

13: Yes, the LORD will grant his bounty; our land will yield its produce.

14: Justice will march before him...

- Article submitted by  
David Witkowski

## *Thoughts from Jodi...*

*-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society*

When it rains, it pours. I believe that was the tagline for Morton Salt. But I think we can all apply the phrase to our daily lives. No doubt those in the recently flooded areas fully understand various connotations of that phrase. It didn't just rain or pour this last weekend, but it deluged. No one could have expected seven to ten inches of rain in just a few hours. The citizens there are dealing with structural damage, damage to or loss of their belongings, insurance, disposal of debris, and maybe even displacement. That's a lot to try to manage. And many of them need to be at their jobs, while still dealing with these issues. Hopefully, they are beginning to find the light at the end of the tunnel.

Saint Paul was inundated with an abundance of misfortunes. He was overwhelmed enough to beg the Lord three times to be relieved of his afflictions. But the Lord declined, saying, "My grace is sufficient for you..." The Lord wanted Saint Paul to rely on Him. He made Paul weak, that he would need the Lord, and thus become strong. Saint Paul embraced his weakness, and boasted of it, that he would become strong through Christ.

When we are at our lowest, that is when we need God the most. We are made weak, and our need for God empowers us. Put your faith in God, implore his intervention, pray without ceasing, and be elated in your strength.

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Ray and next weekend we will welcome Fr. Antony Mathew. This is a transition we haven't experienced for a decade. Open hearts and faith in God will allow a smooth changeover. God's blessings to everyone involved.

### ***From the Bulletin Editor—***

I will be taking a vacation beginning July 15th through July 22nd. There will NOT be a bulletin published for the weekend of July 22nd. If there is anything that needs to be published that might be affected, please be sure to let me know so that I can include it in the bulletin for the weekend of July 15th.

*Thank you!*  
Brenda

### **Mission Statement:**

*"Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith.  
We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."*