



*Restoring all
things in Christ!*



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XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Masses and Reconciliation

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Hours: The parish office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays, and closed daily from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

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Dear Parishioners,

This week I have been reading through and reflecting upon Pope Francis' new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (brothers all) on fraternity and social friendship. It is a profound reflection on the importance of human solidarity, communion and interdependence. The Holy Father reflects in depth about how friendship and community, rooted within the context of Christianity, can be a powerful agent for change and renewal in the world on a global scale. He writes, "It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women - let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." He encourages each of us to be the Good Samaritan and to reach out to others.



Pope Francis provides a diagnosis of a global culture that is increasingly becoming fragmented and divided with a loss of our sense of historicity, community and family which comes as a result of an increased narcissism and selfishness. This becomes realized in how we concretely treat others, most especially the elderly, as the Holy Father writes in this forceful critique, "A decline in the birthrate, which leads to the aging of the population, together with the relegation of the elderly to a sad and lonely existence, is a subtle way of stating that it is all about us, that our individual concerns are the only thing that matters. In this way, "... what is thrown away are not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves."

Christianity and our own personal commitment to Jesus, His Church and recognizing the dignity and worth of every human person is a central remedy for this fragmentation and increased isolation of human persons who are created in the image of the Trinity for communion, friendship and fraternity. The Holy Father expresses this beautifully, "Yet we Christians are very much aware that, "... if the music of the Gospel ceases to resonate in our very being, we will lose the joy born of compassion, the tender love born of trust, the capacity for reconciliation that has its source in our knowledge that we have been forgiven and sent forth. If the music of the Gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman." Christian community, friendship and fraternity is an important grace not only for ourselves but ultimately for the entire planet!

Querulous Parroquianos,

Esta semana estoy leyendo y meditando profundamente sobre la encíclica del Papa Francisco, *Fratelli Tutti* (Hermanos Todos), sobre la fraternidad y la amistad social. Es una reflexión pontifical sobre la importancia de la fraternidad humana, amistades sociales y la interdependencia. El Papa destaca cómo la solidaridad y fraternidad cristiana puede ser una fuerza de renovación y un cambio en el mundo.

El dice textualmente que: "Anhele que en esta época que nos toca vivir, reconociendo la dignidad de cada persona humana, podamos hacer renacer entre todos un deseo mundial de hermandad. Entre todos... Soñemos como una única humanidad, como caminantes de la misma carne humana, como hijos de esta misma tierra que nos cobija a todos, cada uno con la riqueza de su fe o de sus convicciones, cada uno con su propia voz, todos hermanos."

Tenemos que ser el buen samaritano para cuidar de nuestro hermano que en realidad es todos. El Santo Padre destaca también que nuestro mundo cae más y más en el hedonismo, individualismo y la búsqueda para complacer el propio yo. Esta manera de vivir tiene consecuencias: "La falta de hijos, que provoca un envejecimiento de las poblaciones, junto con el abandono de los ancianos a una dolorosa soledad, es un modo sutil de expresar que todo termina con nosotros, que sólo cuentan nuestros intereses individuales. Así, «objeto de descarte, no es sólo el alimento o los bienes superfluos, sino con frecuencia los mismos seres humanos.»

La respuesta de los problemas y retos en la situación real de la humanidad en este momento de la historia del mundo, es el cuidado de los demás, la solidaridad cristiana y la fidelidad a Cristo de cada uno de nosotros: "Si la música del Evangelio deja de vibrar en nuestras entrañas, habremos perdido la alegría que brota de la compasión, la ternura que nace de la confianza, la capacidad de reconciliación que encuentra su fuente en sabernos siempre perdonados—enviados. Si la música del Evangelio deja de sonar en nuestras casas, en nuestras plazas, en los trabajos, en la política y en la economía, habremos apagado la melodía que nos desafiaba a luchar por la dignidad de todo hombre y mujer."

Como Cristianos, tenemos muchas responsabilidades, especialmente la de compartir la fraternidad cristiana con los demás.

Financial Stewardship Year to Date Report

Total collection for weekend of 10/4	\$ 16,267.36
Budgeted:	\$ 15,000.00
Actual YTD Giving:	\$ 159,679.44
YTD Budget	\$ 210,000.00
Over/Under budgeted YTD Goal:	(\$ 50,320.56)

If you have any questions, please call the parish office, (425) 775-7545. Thank you.

*From our
Perpetual Adoration Chapel ...*

Adoration Chapel Openings

**Please consider spending one hour with
Our Lord**

**The following days and times are
available for you to be a dedicated Adorer
for one hour every week:**

Sundays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Mondays from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
and from Noon to 1:00 p.m.
and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and
11:00 a.m. to Noon and
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays from 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. and
11:00 a.m. to Noon and
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Saturdays from 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. and
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

“Can you spend just one hour with Me?”

I'm So Glad You Asked! ***Submitted by Deacon Derrel Craig***

Perhaps it's me, but it seems that the election cycles over the past twenty years or so, have become extremely hostile, acerbic, and infused with such vitriol that it's a wonder anyone would aspire to public office. This particular national election cycle appears to exceed all the previous in the use of words as swords and the news outlets as nuclear bombs to discredit party opponents. This fact gave rise to the question, "Could someone, like Jesus, ever be elected to political office?" Well, certainly Jesus would never do such a thing, but there are holy people who do aspire to political office.

Unfortunately, in this age, it seems more important to vilify candidates than to hear their position arguments and the reasons for them. Even the reputation of a saintly person would be dragged through the morass of public disdain before election-time such that, by that point, one might seriously question the wisdom of continuing. For those of us in the represented class, it's very frustrating but we have a duty to participate in elections.

Our challenge is to see through the mean-spiritedness and really evaluate candidates both on their merits and what they are saying. That said, it is just as important to listen to what they are not saying. A candidate, like Jesus, would be honest, provide candid information on their opinions and their support, or lack thereof, for particular programs posited by constituents and lobbyists. By any measure, a candidate like that would certainly be worth a second look from those of us casting ballots.

This year's national election is the most important one in recent memory and it is incumbent upon us to get it right because the alternative is too frightful a thought. Therefore, please be engaged in the process, learn about the candidates, not from the invectives spewed from those whose disdain is palpable. Seek reliable resources that provide an objective view of your chosen candidates and make an informed choice rather than "going with the flow" because that's easiest.

I am certain that Jesus would want us to vote for candidates whose positions are in keeping with Catholic Christian values, adhering closely to the Ten Commandments.

It's going to be a tough election and it's important for us to consider what Jesus would do in our place.

For the moment, I am so glad you asked.



St. Pius X Catholic School



St. Pius X School is a faith-filled school offering

- +strong academic curriculum**
- +safe & nurturing environment**
- +excellent student to teacher ratio**
- +financial aid**
- +3 & 4 year old PreSchool**
- +4 & 5 year old PreKindergarten**
- +extra-curricular activities such as Robotics, CYO sports, Honors Choir, Band**



Please pray for healing for the following people. If you do, we can be assured that prayers are going to Our Lord on their behalf every hour of every day.

We especially pray for Our Lord's mercy for all those who have been on the prayer list and remain ill; also for their families and their caretakers.

If you have recently become critically ill or injured and would like your name in the prayer list, please call the parish office (425) 775-7545 or have an immediate family member make the call for you.

Gilberto Aguilar, Suvan Atia, Thomas Beals, Benjamin, Tina Bjorndahl, David Blacker, Karen Bovee, Nancy Bowman, Erwin Boyer, Trish Buck, J.D. Butler, Sylvia Butler, Alice Cannon, Diane Carringer, Lee You Chee, Jerry Cline, Ruth Cook, Steve Cook, Lois P. Clinck, Wanda Craig, Virginia David, Mary Deiro, The Delaney Family, Khanh Do, The Dong Family, Harriett Delgado, Marie Demski, Zella Dow, Patricia Earp, Gia Fuda, Bertha Gallagher, Antonio Garcia, Kathi Hagstrom, Rosario Haro, Rex GeRoy, Larry Herres, Tom Houvener, Tim Hutton, Bill Hutton, Payton Haggett, Michael & Margaret Hoffman, Boon Hwa, Jim Johnson, Ray Johnson, Jay Kay, Alice Kier, The Kolve Family, Clark LaBrosse, Anne Lee, Jim Lester, Richard Lester, Fr. O.C. Lim, Vida Logan, Edwin Low, Jean Luke Felipe Maganis, Manisha, Mona G., Luciann MacDonald, The McCord Family, Ralph McDonald, Richard McGee, Tom McIntosh, Joe Melton, Kathy Morris, Nancy Neinc, Frank Nelson, Eliza Ng, Peter Ng, Terence Ng, Vinh Nghiem, Susan O'Bar, Carol Ogden, Aly Osborne, The Pagano Family, Abel Parra, Fr. Peter, Larry & Barbara Peterson, Kristy Pierce, Nocola Pioli, Bret Podnar, Bee Poh, Valentine Powell, John Powers, The Priano Family, Tony Rangel, Kirk and Sylvia Raymond, Joseph Rochon, Cesar Rodriguez, Rosey, Elizabeth Sandoval, Sharon Serrano, Lita Shanahan, Beverly Underland, The Schalk Family, Robert Smith, Lauqueta Spencer, Angelica Valdez, Angelica Divino Valdez, Maria Valdez, Pat Weber, Dolores Chickie Willits, Brekti Woldeysus, Alan Wood, Mark Wood, |and Mary Zgodzinski

A Special Prayer for the Faithful Souls in Purgatory

This prayer, dictated by Our Lord to St. Gertrude, releases numerous souls from Purgatory each and every time it is said!

Without prolonged moments of *adoration*, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with Our Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out.

Please pray with fervor and zeal!

“Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Thy divine son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the faithful souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen.”