



*Restoring all
things in Christ!*

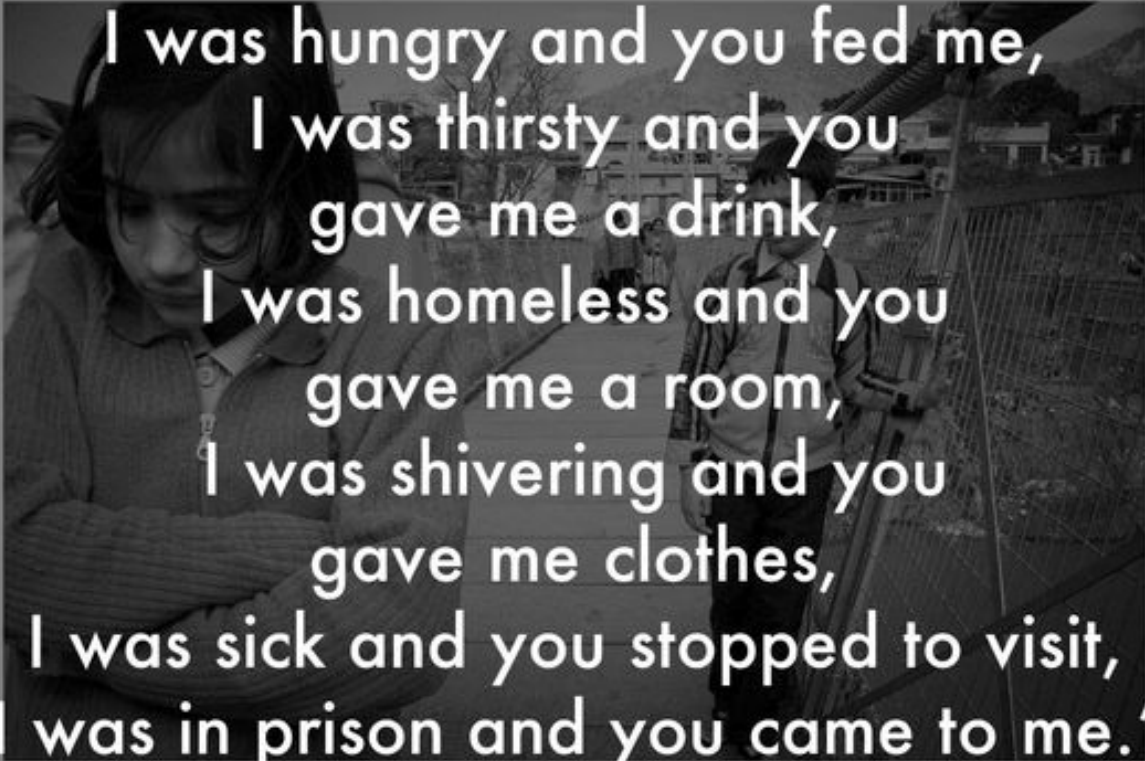


Rev. Cal R. Christiansen

Deacon Derrel Craig

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you
gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you
gave me a room,
I was shivering and you
gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

Weekend Masses and Reconciliation

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE, www.stpxparish.com, FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

Parish Office: (425) 775-7545

St. Pius X School: (425) 778-9861

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.

Voicemail at the school is being monitored.
Please leave a message.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Cal Christiansen



Since last September I've been going downtown to the Seattle University Library to work on my thesis for my STL degree (Sacred License in Theology), which I hope to have completed next month (please pray for that!) One thing I've noticed is the incredible increase in homelessness and the number of people living on the streets since this pandemic hit. It's a constant reminder to me that in the middle of all the incredible wealth and opportunity we have in our country, there are many who have been excluded from these advantages and continue to experience a profound level of poverty on a daily basis.

Last weekend we celebrated the World Day of the Poor, an annual event inaugurated four years ago by Pope Francis. His obvious and constant preoccupation and love for the plight of the poor and immigrants should be inspiring to each of us. The title of his homily this year was, "Stretch forth your hand to the Poor," which comes from Sirach 7:32. He said, "... the command: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit. Indifference and cynicism are their daily food. What a difference from the generous hands we have described." The Pope challenges us to do more for the poor around us, to not only help them materially, but rather to have a greater heart and love for them as well. It is from this place of true charity where our social doctrine for the poor emerges.

The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church teaches us the following, "... the universal destination of goods requires that the poor, the marginalized and in all cases those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern. To this end, the preferential option for the poor should be reaffirmed in all its force. It affects the life of each Christian inasmuch as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ, but it applies equally to our social responsibilities and hence to our manner of living." The central teaching here is the Church's commitment to have a preferential option for the poor which is to say that in our work, ministry and apostolates in the world, the poor should always have a primary consideration for us. Each of us can and must do something to alleviate the sufferings and plight of those most in need around us. Let us take the Holy Father's advice and stretch out our hands to them as the Body of Christ.

Queridos Parroquianos,

Cada martes desde Septiembre he ido al centro de Seattle a la biblioteca de la Universidad para trabajar en mi tesis de la licenciatura en teología, lo que me gustaría dar por cumplido, si Dios quiere para el mes de Diciembre. Una cosa que he notado es el crecimiento de los mendigos en la calle. Es un crecimiento tremendo desde el inicio de la epidemia hasta ahora. Para mí, la presencia de esos pobres en nuestra sociedad siempre me recuerda que, entre la riqueza y las oportunidades que tenemos hay muchos que son excluidos y marginados de entre todos de estas oportunidades.

La semana pasada fué la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, una jornada instituida por el Papa Francisco hace cuatro años. Su preocupación constante por los pobres ha sido muy obvia desde el inicio de su pontificado. En su homilia este año él dijo: "Tender la mano al pobre" destaca, por contraste, la actitud de quienes tienen las manos en los bolsillos y no se dejan conmovir por la pobreza, de la que a menudo son también cómplices. La indiferencia y el cinismo son su alimento diario. ¡Qué diferencia respecto a las generosas manos que hemos descrito!" Es un recordatorio constante para nosotros de que tenemos que ayudar a los pobres que nos rodean con las manos de Cristo, que son las nuestras.

El Compendio de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia nos enseña: "El principio del destino universal de los bienes exige que se vele con particular solicitud por los pobres, por aquellos que se encuentran en situaciones de marginación y, en cualquier caso, por las personas cuyas condiciones de vida les impiden un crecimiento adecuado. A este propósito se debe reaffirmar, con toda su fuerza, la opción preferencial por los pobres: Esta es una opción o una forma especial de primacía en el ejercicio de la caridad cristiana, de la cual da testimonio toda la tradición de la Iglesia. Se refiere a la vida de cada cristiano, en cuanto imitador de la vida de Cristo, pero se aplica igualmente a nuestras responsabilidades sociales y, consiguientemente, a nuestro modo de vivir" (182). La enseñanza central aquí es la opción preferencial por los pobres. Es decir, nosotros como la Iglesia, el Pueblo de Dios y debemos tener una preocupación constante, como el Papa Francisco, por el bienestar de los más necesitados que nos rodean. Vamos a seguir el Papa atendiendo con nuestras obras y oraciones a los que reflejan más claramente el rostro de Cristo; los pobres.



This year our Giving Tree will look a bit different. The ornaments will still be available to you for purchasing and returning an unwrapped gift, but they'll be hanging on a bulletin board rather than a tree.

Catholic Community Services supplies the entire Diocese of Seattle with gift suggestions from those less fortunate. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift and return it unwrapped - WITH THE ORNAMENT - by Friday, December 11th.

CCS also has a helpful Elf Line this year! Call and talk with an Elf who will personally match you with an individual or family. You can purchase your gift at the store of your choice and have it shipped directly to CCS, 1918 Everett Avenue, Everett, 98201. Or, the Elves will do the shopping for you! Just call (425) 374-6318 for more information.

As always, our St. Pius X parishioners' generous donations and parish community support will make a true difference for many individuals and families this Christmas! God bless you!

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. to 8:00 p.m.
and from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Mondays from
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
and from Noon to 1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and
from 11:00 a.m. to Noon and
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 11:00 a.m. to Noon
and 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.**

Financial Stewardship Year to Date Report

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| Total collection for weekend of 11/15 | \$ 13,470.36 |
| Budgeted: | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Actual YTD Giving: | \$ 227,738.18 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 285,000.00 |
| Over/Under budgeted YTD Goal: | (\$ 57,261.82) |

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

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.”



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, Lori 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, and Jean Luke

Felipe Maganis, Manisha, Mona G., Luciann MacDonald, The McCord Family, Ralph McDonald, Richard McGee, Rob 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, Nocole 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



Kash for Kids



Kash for Kids is our parish's answer to a Giving Tree Program. Parishioners donate money that they, in turn, use to purchase gift cards from our school's Scrip Program. These cards are added to the Christmas baskets that our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry gives to those in need during this Season. This is a simple way for you to give, without the hassle of going to a mall and at the same time, benefiting our school!

Can the kids count on you this year?

The Catholic Daughters will not be manning a Kash for Kids table during and after Masses this year because of Covid, but instead will have red envelopes that parishioners can pickup at the entrance and drop off in the collection baskets or at the parish office. This collection will begin the weekend after Thanksgiving on November 28th and 29th and run for four consecutive weekends.