Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Last weekend, a parishioner approached me after Mass. She was clearly irritated with the number of cell phones ringing and the number of people texting during the celebration of the Eucharist. I bring this up – not to go on a rant – but for us to consider what we do and to heighten awareness of what we need to do.

Information technologies (the internet, email, software programs like Facebook and Instagram, mobile phones, IPhones and pads) have made us the most informed, efficient, and communicative people ever. We have the capability all day, every day, of accessing world events, world news, and detailed accounts of what our families and friends are doing at any moment. That’s the positive side of the equation.

Less wonderful is what this is doing to our lives, how it is changing our expectations, and robbing us of the simple capacity to stop, shut off the machines, and rest. As we get wrapped up more and more in mobile devices, texting, email, Facebook and Instagram we are beginning to live with the expectation that we must be attentive all the time to everything that’s happening in the world and within the lives of our families and friends. The spoken and unspoken expectation is that we be available always – and so too others. We used to send each other notes and letters and expect a reply within days, weeks, or months. Now the expectation for a reply is minutes or hours, and we feel impatient with others when this expectation is not met and

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guilty inside of ourselves when we can’t meet it.

And so we are, daily, becoming more enslaved to and more compulsive in our use of mobile phones and pads. For many of us it is now impossible to take off a day – imagine two days off – and be on a genuine holiday or vacation. Rather the pressure is on us to constantly check for texts, emails, phone messages, and the like; and the expectation from our families, friends, and colleagues is precisely that we are checking these regularly. And, I am not well disciplined in this regard either!!!

But the rhythm of time as God designed it is meant to give us, regularly, weekly, some time off the wheel, some “Sabbath-time” when ordinary life, ordinary pressures, ordinary work, and ordinary expectations are bracketed and we give ourselves permission to stop, to shut things down, and to rest. Today, nowhere is this more appropriate and urgent than in regards to our use of our mobile devices.

I’d like us to consider committing ourselves to shutting our devices off so that the celebration of the Eucharist can be a “Sabbath-hour.” When we can step away and escape the rapid and fast paced movement of time. It might do us all well to just slow down and spend focused time in prayer.

What do you think? Leave the device at home or under lock and key as we celebrate Mass.

Let’s commit to try!!!

Fr. Paul
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Scripture Readings
February 5
Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Adult Confirmation
Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 for more information.

RCIA - Come and See
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Women In God’s Spirit
Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
We are very excited to have Fr. John Kasper from St. Perpetua Church in Lafayette join us for our next WINGS gathering! Rev. John will be speaking to us on “Using the gifts and graces given to us in Baptism to preserve and sustain our Catholic Identity in a rapidly changing world”. Please join us. All are welcome! For more information please contact Kim Martin at (925) 989-6829 or kimellenmartin@gmail.com

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Brothers and sisters in Christ, join us on the first Friday of the month at St Augustine Church from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Eucharistic Adoration is a personal way of developing a deeper relationship with the Lord. Drop in for an hour or whatever time you have available for a quiet time of prayer and meditation. Benediction follows Eucharistic Adoration at 12:00 AM.

Adult Bible Study Resumes
The Five Books of Moses
CCOP Adult Bible Study resumes on Thursday, February 2 at 7:30 PM and Friday February 3 at 9:30 AM at Saint Augustine Parish Hall. Our 2017 topic is the Pentateuch that is, the “Five Books of Moses” – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Together, these books form the central part of the Jewish Scriptures also known as the “Old” or the First Testament. In Hebrew, these books are called TORAH which means Law. We will use our sessions to learn background and foundational messages that will enable participants to interpret passages they read from these five books. Participants, then, will be able to apply the meaning of the passages in/to their present life situations and events.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Joe Holt
Teresita Natividad
Genevieve Giordano
Frank Di Christopher
Josephine Di Christopher
Edward Collins
Eleanor Collins
Princess Bade
David Garibaldi
Adeeb Rashid
Terry Ching
Zenaida Shinn
Ronald Shinn
Peggy Hansen
Mary Radcliff
Kristen Reed
Lisa Dacanay
JoAnn Burton
Ty Turner
Patricia Mendoza
Ed Targaczewski

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Rebecca Lapuz
Richard Walter Herz
Rose Turner
Alfredo Hamam
Tom Halloran
Michael Elliot
Maria del Carmen Gutierrez
Roger Thornton
Valdemar Rocha
Bridget Coyle
Carol Bush
Claire Johnston
Glenn Enriquez
Lulu Vergara
Pat Whitlow
Ed Inderbitzen
Norma Valencia
Kimberly McFate
Mary Judy Curdy
Edward G. McDonald
Patricia Santos
**Bibles Collection for Inmates**

The Catholic Detention Ministry is collecting USED and NEW BIBLES for inmates at Santa Rita Jail and the Glenn Dyer Detention Facility.

All versions of the bible are accepted, not just Catholic bibles.

**Important**: bibles need to be paperback (soft-covered), in good condition and without any personal information inside. New Testament books are okay, but please no other spiritual/religious book. There will be bins in the vestibules of both churches to that effect.

For more information, please contact Richard Denoix (925) 367-5833.

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**Annual Crab Feed**

The 48th Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed and Silent Auction is **Saturday, February 25** at St. Augustine Hall. The cost is $50 per person and steak is available for those non-crab folks!

Doors will open at 5:00 PM for the Silent Auction preview and dinner will begin at 7:00 PM with the crab being served from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Again this year we are accepting credit cards in addition to checks and cash. The last day to buy tickets is **Sunday, February 19**.

For tickets or information contact Tim Tuttle at crabfeedatccop@gmail.com or (925) 487-5645.

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**Employment Connections**

Our focus is on where you as an individual are in your job search today. We address those issues you need direction on and offer job search guidance, resource information, networking, inspiration and support in a safe environment. We welcome everyone in need of help with their job search to join us. Meetings are held on the **1st Monday** each month at **7:00 PM** in Room B at St Elizabeth Seton Church.

Join our Linkedin Group: Employment Connection CCOP or contact Mike Machi at (925) 462-9765.
Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ as He is present in the consecrated host. Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ.

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. This is a great opportunity during these hectic times to sit quietly in prayer and meditation ... to clear your mind of all of life’s busyness and be present to Our Lord.

St. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
First Friday Every Month
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831

St. ELIZABETH SETON EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL
Mondays and Wednesdays
12:45 PM – 6:30 PM
Coordinators:
Linda (925) 462-0974 and Sharon (925) 462-8625