Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters...

We are fast approaching Palm Sunday (next weekend)... gulp! We have been engaged in our Lenten discipline which has helped us. Keep in mind what is essential to living and what is secondary. From Ash Wednesday forward, we have been focused upon praying (more deliberate encounters and conversations with God), fasting (giving up some excess) and almsgiving (sharing not our excess but who we are with those on the periphery of life). If we look at the three legs of the Lenten discipline, we would see what is essential... and what is essential, my friends, are relationships. To pray is to enter into a deeper and richer relationship with Jesus. To fast is to have a healthier relationship with self in body, mind and spirit. To give alms is to build up right relationships with others. What is a discipline for the Season of Lent can and should become a hallmark of the growth and vitality of our shared life as Christians.

This was very much on my mind these past few weeks as I walked the streets of “La Habana.” Many of you have been asking me to share my experiences in Cuba via my homilies. I intend to do so when the experiences build off of the Scripture on the given weekend. I must also say that the experiences are sooooooo layered in meaning that I am still trying to sort through them. I kept a journal so that the raw experiences are recorded as they happened. When I share them with my family and close friends, it seems to be a verbal stream of consciousness. I need to give it some contour. But for now, I will say this, the time in Cuba

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underscored the three parts of relationships that we have focused upon this Lent. Cuba drew me into a greater awareness of my relationship with Jesus. Cuba made me far more aware of a need for a healthier self in body, mind and spirit. Cuba made me aware of right relationships with my brothers and sisters who live in difficult if not dire conditions. In short, Cuba made me more notably aware of God, self and others. Lent came alive for me in Cuba.

I pray that Lent is alive for you as together we draw ever closer to the gates of Jerusalem as we celebrate Palm Sunday next weekend.

Yours,

Fr. Paul

I want to thank Liz Rogers, our Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation, for her video reflections over the past few weeks while I was away on vacation. They were uploaded to the Catholic Community of Pleasanton website (catholicsofpleasanton.org). If you have not been to our new website, take a moment in the midst of the busyness and check it out. Also, I want to thank Fr. Leonard for his reflections on the front of the bulletin over the same weeks. It’s good to hear from others and I am reminded of the great gifts God has given members of our pastoral team. I’m very appreciative for how they share and steward the gifts God has given them in abundance.

You can read the bulletin in hard copy or you can go to the parish website and read it there.
### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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10:00 AM | Charlotte Champlin  
12:00 PM | For The People |

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| | 4:30 PM | Children’s Spanish Choir Practice  
7:30 PM | Adult Lenten Reconciliation Service  
7:30 PM | High School Youth Group |
| | 12:00 PM | Al-Anon Meeting  
7:00 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM | AMP Middle School Youth Group |
| TUE | 8:30 AM | Maria Helena Pinheiro |
| | 12:00 PM | Al-Anon Meeting  
7:00 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM | AMP Middle School Youth Group |
| WED | 8:30 AM | Anand Nadackal |
| | 7:00 PM | Military Peer Support Ministry |
| THU | 8:30 AM | Handoko Prajogo |
| | 6:00 PM | Bible Study  
7:30 PM | AP AMP Bible Study |
| | 9:30 AM | Bible Study  
11:00 AM | Al-Anon Meeting  
6:00 PM | AA Meeting  
7:00 PM | Spanish Stations of the Cross  
7:30 PM | Hispanic Prayer Group  
7:30 PM | Lenten Stations of the Cross |
| FRI | 8:30 AM | Marilyn Heinzle |
| | 9:30 AM | Al-Anon Meeting  
11:00 AM | AA Meeting  
6:00 PM | Spanish Stations of the Cross  
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7:30 PM | Lenten Stations of the Cross |
| SAT | 8:30 AM | Barbara Joan Hansen  
5:00 PM | Tony Castello |
| | 8:45 AM | Al-Anon Meeting  
3:00 PM | Private Reconciliation  
6:00 PM | Livermore Homeless Refuge Gift Card Collection |
| SUN | 8:00 AM | Jane Cook  
10:00 AM | Charles Wortham  
12:00 PM | Judie Johnson (L) |
| | 8:00 AM | Easter Food Basket Assembly & Distribution  
9:00 AM | Livermore Homeless Refuge Gift Card Collection After All Masses |

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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10:00 AM | Vestibule  
10:15 AM | RCIA Inquiry  
10:15 AM | MOMS Bible Study  
1:00 PM | Baptism Ceremony |
| MON | 12:10 PM | Eucharistic Adoration |
| TUE | 12:10 PM | Centering Prayer |
| WED | 12:10 PM | Eucharistic Adoration  
5:00 PM | Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 PM | Legion of Mary  
7:00 PM | Teen Choir Rehearsal |
| THU | 12:10 PM | Cantor Practice |
| FRI | 12:10 PM | Italian Catholic Federation Dinner & Meeting |
| SAT | 3:00 PM | Private Reconciliation |
| SUN | 9:15 AM | Livermore Homeless Refuge Gift Card Collection After All Masses  
10:00 AM | RCIA Inquiry  
10:15 AM | RCIA Inquiry  
10:30 AM | For The People  
10:45 AM | Emma Theodore  
11:15 AM | Ivy Cargill & Violet Hinds |

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Augustine Church
Adult Communal Service
Monday, March 14, 7:30 PM
St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton
Individual (Private)
Saturday, March 19, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Undie Sunday
The Oasis of Hope is collecting items for St. Mary’s clients this weekend, March 12-13. Please consider donating one or more unopened packages of children’s, women’s or men’s underpants, undershirts and socks. Items can be placed in the bins marked “St. Mary’s” in the vestibules of both churches. Thank you for your generosity.

Coordinated by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

The Ministry Of Mothers Sharing
St. Elizabeth Seton Church – Room A
Tuesdays, April 19 – May 24
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
The Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) invites you to join other Christian mothers for a six-week spiritual workshop. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome! Take time this spring to nurture yourself as much as you do others. Child care will be provided.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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Scripture Readings
March 20
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11

Stations of the Cross
St. Augustine Church
Friday, March 18, 7:30 PM
Led by different CCOP ministries.

Livermore Homeless Refuge
The Refuge will have a Gift Card Collection the weekend of March 19 and 20 following all Masses. Gift cards in amounts of $10.00 are preferred from McDonalds, Safeway, Lucky’s, Dollar Tree, Trader Joe’s, Taco Bell, and gas cards. Cash will also be accepted for purchase of listed gift cards.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Easter Food Baskets
The St. Vincent de Paul Conference is collecting NON-EXPIRED, nonperishable food for its Annual Easter Food Baskets for the needy in Pleasanton. Please leave your food donations in the food bins in the vestibules of each Church any time until Saturday, March 19. Canned tuna, chicken, fruit, vegetables and soup are appreciated. Cereal, snacks, packaged food mixes and dried goods such as rice, pasta and beans are also welcome. St. Vincent de Paul will purchase hams and fresh fruit for our client families. The Knights of Columbus will distribute the food baskets to local families.

Thank you for your generosity. Conference of St. Vincent de Paul
Rice Bowls
The Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Project. The CRS protects, defends and advances human life around the world by directly meeting basic needs and advocating solutions to injustice. The bowls will be collected following each Mass on April 2 - 3. This event is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Military Peer Support Group
Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St Augustine's Rectory conference room from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Contact Dom Pietro for additional information at (925) 462-4665 or e-mail pietr11@comcast.net. All ages welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 3, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
St Augustine Church
Come, join and fly into the Ocean of God's Mercy on this great Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday proclaimed by Saint Pope John Paul II.

Prayer and Adoration
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Followed by refreshments. Please take a pamphlet for instructions on praying the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday through Easter Saturday.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
Summer Fun at Camp!
Northern CA has two exciting options for Catholic camps. Both offer a variety of Summer Camp Programs for 1st grade through high school, and both offer online registration. Check out Camp Pendola adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest near Camptonville, CA at www.pendola.org. Or take a look at CYO Camp in Occidental, CA at www.cyocamp.org. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schlachte at nschlachte@catholicsofpleasanton.org or (925) 474-2775.

CYO Track and Field
The CYO Track and Field Team is accepting signups for boys and girls, grades 1-8. No prior experience is necessary to join the team. You may sign up via the directions on our web site at www.ccopcyo.org or contact Mark Worrell for more information at (925) 426-5375. The Season begins on Sunday, March 13.

Good Friday Office Hours
In honor of the religious nature of Good Friday, March 25, the offices will close at Noon.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH
Mauricio Bernard and Angelina Badillo
Andre Bonnett and Diana Munoz
Joanne Hawke
Sanny and Dwinasari Khow
Gerardo Mata and Maya Mills
Murali and Freeda Murali
Gilbert and Cecilia Ong
Laurianne Reardon

Leonard Staut
Andrea Ortega
Zaida Aranda
James Carmody
Joan Fahey
John Holst
Jean Magoon
Alex Sportono
Lillian Guesnon
Mary Harp
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