Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

We enter into Jerusalem with Jesus and the motley crowd that welcomed Him into the city. Some were followers. I imagine that some were bystanders. Still others were just curious to see what this was all about. Some just got trapped in the craziness because they happened to be there. This is not too different from the gathering of the Church. An important perspective, but that’s for another corner!!!

From the perspective of Jesus, I’m going out on a limb or a palm branch... I imagine that for our Savior, this day He began to taste the triumph and tragedy of Jerusalem. Triumph in the fact that Jesus entered into the city embraced by enthusiastic crowds proclaiming “Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”, and tragedy as the scene turns towards darkness in His suffering and death. On this day, the truth of the covenant between God and God’s people comes into focus. That focus will get sharper and sharper as this week called Holy continues, as Jesus walks step by step toward Calvary and to the mystery of the cross.

As I stand at the entrance to Jerusalem with all of you, with those who have gone before us in faith and those who will follow our footsteps, I am in awe about how deeply Jesus trusted. At the beginning of Lent, one of our parishioners came to see me with some issues around trust. Let’s face it... for many of us, matters of trust are huge. This is especially true when trust takes you to places that are hard to walk toward. Some years ago, I remember journaling and reflecting during one Holy Week on Jesus’ sheer exhaustion. If so exhausted, then was He really just “done” and ready to resign Himself to the inevitable? Was there just no fight left in Him? Well, if Jesus was exhausted and resigned, He would not have struggled to keep walking but like a defeated

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athlete, He would have “stayed down”. He kept getting up! There is no resignation to everything that seemingly is going wrong, but trust that in the end everything will be right. The depth of His trust in God the Father fueled His exhausted body. His trust gave Him focus on God the Father; to journey into a deep hole of darkness before the cracks of light would penetrate the tomb. As we enter Holy Week, we walk with the God-man Jesus who is spent, pooped and misunderstood. He fulfilled what was proclaimed from Isaiah: “Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting (Isaiah 50: 4-6”).

In this year of Mercy, what God the Father revealed to Jesus was in fact, yes, mercy.

Back to the parishioner who came to see me before I went down to Cuba who struggled with trust issues. On a certain level, we live in a society that is skeptical and not too trusting. Maybe part of what we need to do this Holy Week is begin to create a culture of trust. By that, I am not referring to a trust based upon contracts and guarantees. What Jesus provides for us is a vision of trust that allows us to place our hope in what endures. And to build up a culture of trust, there will be a cost. We will need to begin to place ourselves in vulnerable relationship to each other – to care for each other and to be patient with each other. This Holy Week will be filled with tragedy, but that is not the full story. Because as we know, love endures all things and ultimately triumphs.

I invite you to participate fully and completely in the Paschal Mystery. Worship with us on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton. Each morning, we will gather at 8:30 AM at St. Augustine for Morning prayer. Trust me, there you will experience love, first hand.

Fr. Paul
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Scripture Readings

March 27
Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

Good Friday Office Hours

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

Good Friday Cross Walk

The Good Friday Cross Walk will begin at St. Augustine parking lot at 4:30 PM on Good Friday, March 25. Please join us in this solemn procession through town as we reflect on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The walk is approximately 3.2 miles and will end about 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton. More information is available in the vestibules.

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.

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.

Grief Support Ministry

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness.

Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person’s grief journey has its own path and its own timeline.

Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and we will explore them in this eight-week series of workshops.

Join us for eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 PM starting April 7 through May 26 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

A one-time donation of $15 is requested. Space is limited and Pre-registration is required. Please call Eleanor Flatley at (925)-846-8708.

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Nghia Dinh Ngo
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Gerardo Mata and Maya Mills
Murali and Freeda Murali
Gilbert and Cecilia Ong
Laurianne Reardon
Stewardship of Treasure
February 2016

February Budget (Mo.)* $134,348
Sunday Plate Actual: $146,796
% via On-line Giving: 20%

Year to Date Budget: $302,283
Year to Date Actual: $276,942

February JPII Receipts $4,452
February A&B Receipts $267,251

* Plate budget based on $33,587 per week

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Sunday Contributions

On your check for your Sunday collection, please always indicate on the Memo area where to apply the contribution (1st Collection, Arise and Build Fund, Catholic Voice, etc.) and write the amount on the front of the envelope. This minimizes posting to the wrong account resulting in inaccurate statements and tax letters.

Please use an envelope. We cannot be responsible for loose checks. Additional envelopes are available in the lobby of both churches. Please do not forget to write your name and envelope number on it.

MedShare Volunteers

Please join us on Saturday, March 26, from 9:00 AM until Noon. A group of CCOP volunteers will sort medical supplies at MedShare in San Leandro. MedShare provides free medical supplies to hospitals and free clinics around the world where there is great need. We need 10 more volunteers. For information or to volunteer, please contact Mark at menevi@sbcglobal.net or at (925)846-1014.

Thank you.

This volunteer activity is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

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.

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.

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| **HOLY THURSDAY**    | 8:30 AM: Morning Prayer  
No 8:30 AM Mass    | No 12:10 PM Mass  
8:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight |
| **GOOD FRIDAY**      | 8:30 AM: Morning Prayer  
No 8:30 AM Mass    | No 12:10 PM Mass  
12:00 PM–6:00 PM: Private Meditation  
8:00 PM: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Simple Communion |
| **HOLY SATURDAY**    | 8:30 AM: Morning Prayer  
No 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Masses | 8:00 PM: Easter Vigil (We begin with the Holy Fire at the Pope St. John Paul II Activity Center.) |
| **EASTER SUNDAY**    | 8:00 AM: Mass (no incense)  
10:00 AM: Mass (Adult Choir)  
10:15 AM: in Grotto, behind Church  
12:00 PM: Mass  | 9:00 AM: Children’s Mass  
(Children’s Choir, no incense)  
11:00 AM: (Youth Choir)  
**No evening Masses** |