Confirmation
- Just another Sacrament?

Blessings, People of God,

Hard to believe, but here we are celebrating the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It's been a glorious Easter Season so far, with wonderful readings to ponder, incredible celebrations and opportunities to encounter our Risen Lord. This weekend we are blessed with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, where 111 of our teens will be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Nicole Browne, Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator, has dedicated her time, effort and talents assisting these students in preparation for this wonderful sacrament.

We might be able to name the sacraments and briefly explain them. We have learned in our faith journey that we believe, "the sacraments are signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us". But have we acknowledged their meaning? In that acknowledgement, do we gratefully accept the incredible gift bestowed on us by God? Or do we sometimes view them as just another Catholic milestone?

Baptism creates in us a new life, the life of God Himself, and purges us of Original Sin. Reconciliation purifies us of the sins we commit ourselves. The Anointing of the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness or life threatening situation. Matrimony and Holy Orders establish us sacramentally in two diverse forms of

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Christian vocation. The blessed Eucharist nourishes us with the very Body and Blood of Christ Himself and makes Him present in our midst.

But what is Confirmation all about? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "For the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed". Huh? What does that mean? It simply means we are given the strength through the Holy Spirit to live our lives as Christ taught and to be true witnesses of the faith. We decide to do this in our everyday lives and tasks. We seek to be Christ and see Christ in everyone and everything that crosses our path.

I remember as a young man preparing for this sacrament and the countless hours in class with the Sisters and that “wonderful” Baltimore Catechism. Wonderful moments stand out in my memories of those days. Being told I would be “an adult” in the Catholic Church; that I could take my place in the spreading of God’s kingdom - that I was making this choice on my own, not because of my parents. I felt as though I was being given the “keys” to the car. I remember the words of Sister Ann when she exclaimed in class: “You’ve only just begun”. She was right and Confirmation is what opened the door. I now had the responsibility to share and live the Faith.

So please join us in congratulating the incredible youth of our parish as they participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation and take the next step in their faith journey. May the beauty of their celebration renew in us the love and promise we made to our God, this church and ourselves. God, bless you and your family.

In His Name

Henry Correa
Director of Life Long Learning
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Scripture Readings
May 28
Ephesian 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Flores de Mayo
The CCOP Diversity Team invites you to celebrate *Flores de Mayo* today, following the Noon Mass at St. Augustine Church. As a tradition, there will be a procession to the Grotto offering flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary honoring her Assumption to heaven. Following the Mass, refreshments will be provided by the Filipino Community at the Parish Hall.

Detention Ministry
Enrollment for the Detention Ministry at Santa Rita Jail is open during the month of May. This is the only opportunity for the entire year to join in a group of women and men visiting inmates, bringing them the gospel message of God’s enduring mercy and love. Comprehensive training will be provided by the jail and the Catholic Detention Ministry. You must be 18 or older to volunteer. For inquiries, contact Richard Denoix at richard_denoix@yahoo.com.

Invite 2.0
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Wednesdays, May 24
7:30 PM - 9 PM

Invite 2.0 helps us explore the big questions – to find a deeper sense of your spiritual side. Is there something bigger out there? It is a place for you to slow down, listen to some soft music, watch a short thought-provoking video, and explore your thoughts and hearts in small group discussions with others. If you are interested on joining the Invite 2.0 team, contact Roxanne Rasmussen at roxanneras@gmail.com.

Visit us at www.invite2.org and rsvp to inviteyou20@gmail.com.

Facility Scheduling
The Facility Scheduler packets have been e-mailed to all Ministry Coordinators. If you did not receive yours, please contact Michael Harmon, Director of Communication at mharmon@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

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. For information, call Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Thank You!
The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the CCOP parishioners for their generous contribution of non-perishable food items for our Easter Food Basket Drive. This year we provided 73 Pleasanton families with a ham and fresh fruit in addition to several boxes of food so they could enjoy a Easter meal. Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped assemble the baskets. You did an awesome job!

Safe Environment Training
The Diocese of Oakland announces our affiliation with VIRTUS for Safe Environment training. It is available online in Spanish and English. Training is mandatory for all who minister and must be done first before starting work or volunteering and then every 3 years thereafter. To register for VIRTUS and either an online course or an onsite live training at www.virtusonline.org. Cost paid by parish.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH
Ray & Hiroko America
Jose & Gina Escamilla
Daniel & Nicole Thompson
John & Sabine Vukelich
Grief Workshop
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM
May 25
June 8 and 22
July 13 and 27
August 10 and 24

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. 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.

Join us bi-monthly and let us accompany you on your healing journey. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information, call Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

Giving Made Easy (GME)

Make your Arise & Build, Sunday and Special offerings via Credit Card or Checking Account.

1. Go to the CCOP website.
2. Click on Giving/Giving Made Easy.
3. Click on “Enroll and Update Account” and set up your account.

If your credit card changes, please remember to update your account information using the same login. Thank you,

Italian Catholic Federation
Polenta & Chicken Cacciatore Dinner
St. Augustine Church Hall
Saturday, June 3

Doors Open: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Tickets: $25.00 per person
RSVP: May 30
Contact: Judy (925) 462-2487
Carolyn (925) 846-0440

Reservations Required. Limited Seats.
No tickets sold at door
Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other ICF Charities.

Kelly Moore Paint

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland who purchase paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company can receive a KM Club Discount and have a portion of the purchase gifted back to the Diocese. This year Kelly Moore donated back $1,000. Please use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-D14711.

Shop at Amazon

If you shop at Amazon.com, a percentage of your spending on almost everything you purchase can go to supporting CCOP. Go to the parish website at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and click on the Amazon logo on the home page.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Judith Merk
Mary Jane Hutter
Michael Parks
Matthew LaMay
Elizabeth Gurge
Pamela de la Cruz
Teresa Bartolo
Robert Benavidez
Richard John Rutledge
Liz Pajar
Thomas V. Malone
Shawn Fairhurst
Xavier Jayarat
Esme尼亚 Lemon
Paz Perez Orantes
Patricia Ann Herrera
Isaak Escamilla
Brigid Teresa Corcoran

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Violeta Aragon
 Rene Omalde
 Leonard Stout
 Nancy Tidwell
 Arthur Pastor
 Barbara Fritz
 Genevieve Giordano
 Mary Domenichini
 Eleanor Collins
 Edward Collins
 Sambo Sok
 Christine Grabowski
 Michael Limberger
 Roy Haley
 Maria Goetz
 Kathy Johnson
 Lorraine Hanna
 Paul Miller
First Wednesday at Main Street