Endings and New Beginnings - Joy, Loss and Hope

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have celebrated joyfully over the past six weeks of the Easter Season, knowing that the risen Christ, our Redeemer, still lives among us today. This weekend, we hear from the very end of the gospel of Matthew. Jesus tells the disciples: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Jesus commissions us and He assures us of His ever-present help.

And we hear from the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, about Jesus appearing to the Apostles during forty days after His Resurrection. Jesus says “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Then Jesus ascends to heaven, taken up in a cloud.

Jesus’ resurrection, the final commissioning of the apostles, and Jesus’ (Continued on page 2)
Ascension must have left the apostles confused with mixed feelings of joy, loss and hope - the loss of Jesus on earth, the confident hope that He remains with us forever, and the challenge of being sent forth.

We hear this as we come to the graduation season, as many of us experience a mixture of joy, loss and hope.

- We joyfully celebrate academic achievements,
- We experience a sense of loss, parting from school friends and the familiar,
- We look with hope towards new challenges and opportunities – going off to college or beginning a career.

We may fear facing the unknown in our future, or be excited about the challenges ahead. Whatever our feelings are, we can be confident in Jesus’ promise that “I am with you always, until the end of the age”. Like the apostles, we can trust that Jesus remains with us no matter where life takes us. And we can be confident in His promise, “… you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”

Let us not be found “standing there looking at the sky”, but rather hurrying down the mountainside to encounter Christ living among us and in us. May we walk with Him and be open to the Holy Spirit working in us.

Our prayers and best wishes go to all of our graduates, their parents and families, and to all others experiencing a transition in life. May you be greatly blessed in all your new endeavors and may God bless all of us in our journey!

Deacon Joe Gourley
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<td><strong>MON</strong></td>
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<td>8:30 AM For the People 10:00 AM For the Faithful Departed (Mass at St. Augustine Cemetery)</td>
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<td><strong>FRI</strong></td>
<td><strong>June 2</strong></td>
<td>8:30 AM Kevin Gourley 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Bible Study Al-Anon Meeting AA Meeting Hispanic Prayer Group</td>
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<td>8:30 AM Inbae Antonio Kim 5:00 PM Tom Michell 8:45 AM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM Al-Anon Reconciliation Italian Federation Primavera Polenta Dinner</td>
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<td>8:00 AM Giovanni Zampierin 10:00 AM Yvonne Skyrus 12:00 PM Loretta Nnoli 9:00 AM 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday Baptism Preparation Class 1</td>
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<td>No Mass 6:30 PM No Eucharistic Adoration</td>
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<td>12:10 PM Michael Warren 12:45 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Children's Choir Rehearsal Teen Arsenal Legion of Mary Teen Choir Rehearsal Returning Catholics Invite 2.0</td>
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<td>12:10 PM K. T. Sebastian 7:00 PM 7:30 PM Social Justice Meeting Cantor Rehearsal MOMS Prayer &amp; Meditation</td>
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Scripture Readings
June 4
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Memorial Day Mass
St. Augustine Cemetery
May 29 at 10:00 AM.

Holiday Office Hours
In observance of Memorial Day, the Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Church at 8:30 AM. There will be NO 12:10 PM Mass and NO Eucharistic Adoration at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel on that day.

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.

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

Quo Vadis Camp for Young Men
July 9 - 12
Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center
1977 Reliez Valley Road
Lafayette, CA 94549
Young Men ages 13 - 18 are invited to join a three-day camp to assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ. Activities include fun, games, music, Mass, prayer and talks. Registration is $50 — space is limited.

For more information, contact Cielo Branco at (510) 267-8356 or CBranco@oakdiocese.org.

Safe Environment Training
The Diocese of Oakland announces our affiliation with VIRTUS, Protecting God’s Children. The links for registration are on the Safe Environment Page of the Diocese Website. 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 and take the online course go to www.virtusonline.org. Cost paid by parish.

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Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 493-7926
Aaalivescanlivermore.com

Join The Flock
We use Flocknote to send out updates and information about CCOP. Joining is easy from your mobile phone or computer! Text “Join CCOP” to 84576 or follow the link on the homepage of our website. Join now!
Grief Workshop
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM

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.

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.

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.

Requests for Mass Intentions
A wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones is to offer a Mass intention. A requestor may reserve at most 5 Masses at a time, once a month and not on consecutive days/weeks for the same intention. The July - December 2014 Mass Intention Calendars will open for reservations on June 26 - 30. Please refer below for hours:

St. Augustine Rectory Conference Room
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Monday – Friday 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Office
Monday – Friday 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday – Thursday 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Virginia Olitoquit
Sik Galvez
Violeta Aragon
Rene Omalde
Leonard Stout
Nancy Tidwell
Arthur Pastor
Barbara Fritz
Delfin De Castro
Camille Chabot
Genevieve Giordano

Mary Domenichini
Eleanor Collins
Edward Collins
Sambo Sok
Christine Grabowski
Michael Limberger
Roy Haley
Maria Goetz
Kathy Johnson
Lorraine Hanna
Paul Miller

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Jack Hansen
Rosendo Evangelista
Laura Schibler
Balbino Anzano
Conchita Anzano
Purification del Rosario
Teresa Ann Bartolo
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 Fairhust
Xavier Jayaraj
Esmeria Lemon
Paz Perez Orantes
Cross Walk