**Notes from Fr. Kwame...**

“Conduct your affairs with humility...”
(Sirach 3:17)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We continue to follow Jesus’ teaching about heaven – aka, the reign or kingdom of God. We have learned in the past Sundays’ Gospels, that we experience heaven when we share our gifts and not hoard them (18th Sunday), when we are spiritually awake and not sleeping or dead (19th Sunday), when we passionately love one another (20th Sunday), and when we live lives that include (not exclude) others in imitation of our Inclusive God (21st Sunday).

And now, as if to cap it all, Jesus teaches us that we are in heaven when we live with humility! Like the “narrow gate”, humility is a very challenging lifestyle in our world, especially in the United States, where individualism instructs us to parade and sing our own praises. Here in our country, one cannot adopt lowly lifestyle, places and status for fear of being labeled vulnerable, weak and rejected. So, our question would understandably be: What is humility? Why must we humble ourselves?

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First, in our gospel reading, Jesus describes a humble lifestyle with an invitee taking the lowest seat at a banquet. He seems to reason that humility begins when we remember and recognize who we were originally. Only then can we recognize that any achievement or status that we have comes from grace. We aren’t the ones to recognize and praise our status because these are always in relation to others. What is status if it is not recognizable by others... and God?

Secondly, if we recognize that our status and achievement come from grace, humility comes to completion when we recognize and invite to share our status and achievement, those who aren’t so lucky or who haven’t received grace like we have received. We are able to invite to our party, people who aren’t of the same status as we are blessed to have – the poor, the rejected, etc.

In these two ways, living a life of humility generates a community of love, mercy, sharing, spiritual awareness, and a life of inclusivity. If we live with humility, as Jesus and the first reading suggest, we will have heaven – the kingdom of God – right here in our present world. God bless our week!

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Scripture Readings

September 4
Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Save the Date - Parish Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic will be here before we know it! Save Sunday, September 25, for a fun-filled family day. The festivities will be held at the St. Augustine Hall grounds from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Stay tuned here for more details in the coming weeks! If you have questions or would like to help on the day of the picnic with set-up, tear-down and/or activities, please contact Roxanne at (925) 462-0750.

All Occasion Greeting Cards

Cards will be available for purchase at the Annual Family Picnic at St. Augustine Hall grounds on September 25. The cards feature original photography by Deacon Dick Martin, including the new Fall and Winter collection. 100% of the proceeds goes to the CCOP Emergency Fund.

Toddler Playgroup

A group of pre-kindergarten mothers is exploring the formation of a Toddler Playgroup and possibly a Catholic Story Time/Catholic Craft Activity here at CCOP. An interest list is forming. Call or text Rachelle Harmon at (408) 420-4090 or harmon.rachelle@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation

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

Ministry Of Mothers Sharing

Tuesdays September 27 - November 8
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Church – Room A

The Ministry Of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S.) invites you to join other Christian mothers for a six-week spiritual workshop. Connect with other moms, share your faith journey, and just take an evening for yourself. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome!

Childcare will be provided. For more information or to sign up visit www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/moms.

Ministry Sign Ups are Coming!

Ministry sign ups for the coming liturgical year will take place during the month of September. There will be multiple opportunities for you to join or continue in a parish ministry:

1. Following every Mass in September
2. At the Parish picnic
3. In the Faith Formation and Parish offices
4. On the CCOP webpage

Like Jesus, we are here to serve our brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Gary at gwortham@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Grief Workshop

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
September 8 - October 27 at 7:30 PM

Join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey, on eight consecutive Thursday evenings. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. A one-time $15 donation is requested. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, please call Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.
An Open Door for Returning Catholics
Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don’t know how to help them. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. You can make a tremendous difference in someone’s life simply by reaching out and telling them that they are missed and inviting them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton we have a special program entitled “Returning Catholics” to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church. The next series begins Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Room A.

Please pass on this article or pick up a flyer in the vestibule of either St. Augustine or St. Elizabeth Seton. For more information, please contact Kimberly Whitaker at (925) 846-0892 or email CCOPReturningCatholics@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/ReturningCatholics.

CYO Basketball
Registration for CYO Youth Basketball, boys and girls grades 3-8 from Pleasanton and Sunol, is now available online at www.ccopcyo.org. Evaluations are September 11, 12 and 13. The schedule is posted on the website. There is a registration late fee starting August 22. Registration closes September 5 or earlier, based on capacity. See website for further details and register ASAP.

Faith Formation Registration
The Last Day to Register is September 8.
If you missed registration and would still like to register your school-aged children for faith formation, please stop by the Faith Formation Offices, between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or contact us at (925) 846-3531.

Adult Volunteers
The High School Core Team is looking for Adult Volunteers. If you are interested in joining a great team, contact Nicole Browne, Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator at nbrowne@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

High School Youth - Fall Kick Off
Our first night is Monday, September 19, at 7:30 PM-9:00 PM, St. Augustine Hall, Rooms 16 & 17. All high school teens are welcome to attend. We will have food and fun. Bring your friends and take a leap of faith that will lead to a great year! To get a shirt on your first night, sign up at our Fall registration day at St. Augustine Hall, 12:00 PM-7:00 PM, on August 29. If questions email Nicole Browne, Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator at nbrowne@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Charlene Bradley  
John Condon  
Ed McDonald  
Jim Benterou  
Julian Quitoriano  
Greyson Blew  
Nancy Fargis  
Mary Tange  
Sherry Sweeney  
Medardo Enriquez  
Bertha Martin  
Debra Day  
Letty Jorge  
Norma Jean Sjoberg  
Marilyn Perotti  
Lorraine Hanna

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Margaret Smith  
Judie Johnson  
Nilda Vitalicia  
Eleanor Knight  
William O’Rourke  
Mary Catherine Warren  
Jennifer Murphy  
Fr. Noe Laganson  
Eric Meneses  
Alfred Mitchell  
Jack Turner  
Patricia Hamilton Downie  
Virginia Brandt  
John Murray O’Neil
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 our minds of all of life’s busyness and be present to Our Lord.

**St. AUGUSTINE CHURCH**

1ST Friday Every Month  
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831

Last Friday Every Month  
(SPANISH)  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

**St. ELIZABETH SETON EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL**

Mondays and Wednesdays  
12:45 PM – 6:30 PM  
Coordinators: Linda (925) 462-0974 and Sharon (925) 462-8625