Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving Day with family and friends. It is certainly a time to be grateful for the basics. At times, we take family for granted. Family life is fragile and needs to be cradled and cultivated. Sometimes, the ones we love are the most neglected relationships. Let’s be thankful for the gift of family.

For some the end of November and December are difficult times. Given the passing of loved ones and the reality of broken families, it is best to reach out to others so that we are not alone during this time. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton’s grief support is a tremendous asset for our parish. Those involved with this ministry give of themselves tirelessly and generously. Members of the parish staff are also available if anyone needs to talk or receive spiritual direction. We have competent leaders who are here to support the community.

Given everything that is happening in the country, it is also a time to be respectful and civil in our conversations. I remember when I first went to seminary, kindness and

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charitable words were underscored. If we cannot say something positive, then we can probably do greater good being silent. When we do want to express dissatisfaction, the right to assemble is fundamental and should be peaceful without resorting to violence.

Let’s keep each other in our prayers as we enter the Advent Season and begin the new Church year. We watch and wait for the One who was born of the Virgin and transformed the world. It will get busy the month of December as we prepare for Christmas and the Christmas Season. Let’s try to not get lost in the busyness and return to the importance of family and time together.

O come, O come Emmanuel. Be with us Lord.

Fr. Paul

MASSES AT ST. AUGUSTINE
Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
Holy Days: 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
Benediction: 11:30 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
(Confessions)
WEDDINGS 6 months preparation time required by the Diocese. Call for an interview.
BAPTISMS Call for an interview.

MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM
Weekdays Masses: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday
Holy Days: 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration: 12:45-6:30 PM Monday and Wednesday

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Scripture Readings
December 4
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Concord America Craft Sale
On Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, volunteers for Concern America will be at St. Augustine Church with a Craft Sale featuring unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously.

The sale of these products provides a source of income to materially poor communities, promoting human scale endeavors, eco-friendly work patterns and fair working conditions. For information go to www.concernamerica.org.

Reconciliation Services
St. Augustine Church
Youth and Family Communal Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 PM

Adult Communal Reconciliation
Thursday, December 15, 7:30 PM

St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Private Reconciliation
Saturday, December 17
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve
St. Augustine Church
4:00 PM (no incense)
7:00 PM
12:00 Midnight (11:30 PM – Musical Prelude by Adult Choir)

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
4:00 PM (Children’s choir, no incense)
9:00 PM
12:00 Midnight (11:30 PM – Musical Prelude by Teen Choir)

Christmas Day
St. Augustine Church
8:00 AM (no incense)
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
9:00 AM (no incense)
11:00 AM

New Year’s Day
Regular Sunday Schedule at both churches.

Vineyard Branches SCC
Vineyard Branches SCC will hold their Christmas party on Sunday, December 11 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the home of Bill and Fran Hirst. All are welcome. Please bring a “finger food” to share. If you are attending, please RSVP to Fran at (925) 846-3605.
Holy Day of Obligation
The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, December 8. It is a Holy day of obligation.
Masses are at:
St. Augustine Church
8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton
12:10 PM and 6:00 PM

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Join us on the first Friday of the month at St Augustine Church from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Benediction follows Eucharistic Adoration at 11:30 AM.

Giving Tree Help Needed
The Giving Tree (GT) distribution day is Sunday, December 11. Experience the joy of helping those in need. Meet us at the St. Augustine garage at 8:30 AM. The work takes about 1 1/2 hours. No sign-up required.

Christmas Nativity Display
The Nativities will be displayed on Sunday, December 11, following each Mass. Setup is on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. To participate contact Nancy Navarini at (925) 640-6334 or na.navarini@gmail.com before December 3. Sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation.

Who Wrote the Bible?
Before the 17th century, it was held that the names of the books of the bible were those of the actual writers. But, after that century, with the introduction of critical, historical and archeological study of the bible, we now know the authors of the books of the bible must be understood in different senses of the word “author.” God is the author of the bible by inspiration: God inspired, that is, God gave a message of love, of peace, joy, goodness, patience, etc. Human beings authored the bible by language, text and literature: Inspired Israelites, Jews and Christians wrote stories, songs, historical accounts, poems, legends and fables, to communicate the message God gave them. When we read the bible, we must not take the stories literally, but allow the stories to teach us the underlying lesson – the message of God.

For more on this topic, join us for Adult Bible Study on Thursday 7:30 PM or Friday 9:30 AM at Saint Augustine Church Hall.

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YOUNG ADULT Christmas Dance
Saturday Dec. 3rd, 2016 7-10 pm
Refreshments Provided  $5 suggested donation
RSVP at: https://yamccopchristmasdance.eventbrite.com

Semiformal
St. Augustine Catholic Church
3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton CA
contact: staugustine868@gmail.com
Gift Card Pick-Up
For all orders paid for and received by Sunday at 8:00 p.m., gift cards will be available for pick up on Thursday afternoon, after 2:00 p.m. or anytime thereafter at St Elizabeth Seton Parish Office.
If you are a Pizza Angel for the Faith Formation Program, you can purchase your gift cards and it will be delivered directly to Nancy Schlachte.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Go-Yu at mtgoyu@comcast.net or (925) 462-2913 or Judy Robichaud at jarobichaud@comcast.net or (925) 519-1936.

Support CCOP This Holiday Season!

Two Ways To Support CCOP This Holiday Season!!
The Amazon Affiliate Program &
The SCRIP Gift Card Program!!

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.

If you’re giving gift cards during this holiday season, buy them through SCRIP and support your parish! Order forms and instructions are on the parish website at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org by clicking on the ShopWithScrip logo on the homepage. Gift Card purchases may be made from November 14, 2016 to January 1, 2017.

Three Easy Ways to Purchase Gift Cards
1. You can order cards directly on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com. To register, you will need to enter the CCOP ShopWithScrip Enrollment code: 85C4B18426783. Drop off your order form and payment at either St. Elizabeth’s parish office or St. Augustine’s rectory office.
2. You can also use the traditional paper order form (available on-line or at the parish offices).
3. Order cards online and pay using the Presto Pay feature. See the website for details on Presto Pay.

Drop Off And Payment If You Do Not Use Presto-Pay
Write a check to CCOP, drop off your order form and payment at the parish offices.

St. Elizabeth Seton Office Hours
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Office Hours
Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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