Pastor’s Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the blink of an eye, the Christmas Season arrived, we celebrated New Years and the Christmas Season departed. Now, we have just less than a month in the Season of Ordinary Time. Blink again and we will be in the Season of Lent. It seems quite maddening and while this is an early beginning for Lent, it is not as early as it could be.

Of course, the beginning of the Season of Lent revolves around how we determine Easter. For those of you interested, Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon after the day of the vernal equinox, which is fixed as March 21st (it’s a bit more complicated, but for the sake of brevity, this is what’s important).

Back to this quick sojourn we will take in the Season of Ordinary Time. It seems easy to miss both the season and its intent. The term “Ordinary Time” sounds bland to us, even as we long for precisely what it is meant to bring.

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We have precious little “ordinary time” in our lives. As our lives grow more pressured, more tired, and more restless, perhaps more than anything else we long for “ordinary time.” Like you, I would like some quiet, routine, solitude and space away from the hectic pace of life. For many of us the very expression “ordinary time” draws forth a sigh along with the question: “What's that? When did I last have ‘ordinary time’ in my life?” For many of us, “ordinary time” means mostly hurry and pressure, “the rat race” and “the treadmill.”

Many things in our lives conspire against “ordinary time”; not just the busyness that robs us of leisure, but also the heartaches, obsessions, loss of health or other interruptions to the ordinary that make a mockery of normal routine and rhythm, robbing us of even the sense of “ordinary time.” So…..how to make some “ordinary” in the midst of crazy? For me, it’s early morning time before everyone else is awake. That is when I ground myself in my ordinariness. That’s when I pray, get grounded and focus on the day. Does that require discipline? Yes! I’m up between 4:45 AM and 5:00 AM. I need to be to remain ordinary. Maybe that’s not the time of day for you, but perhaps you need to make that space in your day before you too utter the, “What’s that?” regarding ordinary time.

So, in this next month, I want to issue the invitation to make some Ordinary Time and include the stabilizing and regular practice of mass attendance in this Season of Ordinary Time. We need the ordinary stuff and that’s what this Season of Ordinary Time is all about.

Make the Ordinary happen...

Fr. Paul
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**FRIDAY**
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- 4:00 PM For the People Garduno Galan Family
- 10:00 AM RCIA—Inquiry Chapel
- 11:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Chapel
Scripture Readings
January 21
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

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. Please contact Matt Gray, (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

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

Grief Workshop
Please join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. For more information, contact Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

Office Hours
In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, the Rectory, Faith Formation and St. Elizabeth Seton Offices will be closed on Monday January 15, 2018. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Church at 8:30 AM ONLY.

There will be NO 12:10 PM Mass and NO Eucharistic Adoration at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel.

MedShare Volunteers
Please join us at MedShare on Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 AM until Noon. A group of CCOP volunteers will be sorting 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 are looking for 20 volunteers. For information or to volunteer, please contact Mark Nevins at menevi@sbcglobal.net or (925) 846-1014.

Bible Study
We resume our sessions on Thursday February 8 at 7:30 PM and Friday February 9 at 9:30 AM, all at Saint Augustine Hall. This year, 2018, we will study The Prophets aka The Prophetic Books/Writings or simply Prophecy In The Bible. Participants and all those who would like to join us are required to purchase and read the book Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture by Stephen J. Binz. This book can be purchase at a subsidized price of $7 at both offices (a limited amount is available).
Crab Feed & Silent Auction
The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the 49th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 10 at St. Augustine Parish Hall. The cost will be $50 per person. Doors will open at 5:00 PM for the Silent Auction Preview and dinner will start at 7:00 PM. For tickets, please contact Tim Tuttle at (925) 487-5645 after 6:00 PM or crabfeedatCCOP@gmail.com.

14th Annual Walk For Life
This event is truly changing hearts and minds and has helped revivify the pro-life movement on the West Coast. We call for all people of good will to affirm human life and to change the perception of a society that thinks abortion is an answer. Let us stand up for life and participate in this walk.

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018
Time: 10:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Location: Civic Center, San Francisco

Please see the website for more details or contact Lou Santero at (925) 846-5124 or email lpsantero@yahoo.com.

January Adult Education
Breaking the Barrier, Building the Bridge
Being Missionary Being A Christian In The Tri-Valley.

January 18
Encountering God at the Borders

January 25
Real Joy

February 1
Bridge Building at Home, in our Parish and Around the World

Sessions are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

IS THERE SOMETHING BIGGER OUT THERE?
FEEL LIKE SOMETHING IS MISSING?
WHAT IS GOD’S DREAM FOR YOU?

We invite you to join us for refreshments and discussion about these and other big questions in a warm, safe environment.

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
January 17th, 24th, 31st
February 7th, 21st & March 7th

St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
4001 Stoneridge Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Please RSVP to inviteyou2.0@gmail.com

Please visit our website: invite2.org
A Musical Twist on the Classic Game!

Saturday, January 20th, 2018
St. Augustine Church Hall

Doors open immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Bingo games start at 7:00 p.m.

Admission: $5.00 per person (includes 6 Bingo games!).
Dinner options available.
See our website for more information:
www.catholicsofpleasanton.org

For reservations call or email:
Lien-Thi de la Pena
925-474-2775 or ldelapena@catholicsofpleasanton.org

This is a family event!
All are welcome!

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