To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live, and make Him better known.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Mark 8: 27-35

Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Last weekend (September 8th) was a moment when God just opened a floodgate of grace and blessing. There is nothing else to do but be opened by it. You receive what it is He brings. You let it pour over you with a grateful heart. That’s what I experienced at the celebration of my 25th anniversary of ordination as priest.

There were people there from my childhood and my home Parish of Transfiguration in Castro Valley. As I encountered more and more people and relived moments in ministry, a 25-year tapestry was woven. What a gift to celebrate my anniversary and my father’s 92nd birthday on the same day. To have my parents with me is God’s blessing. It was amazing to have Bishop John Cummins, retired Bishop of Oakland present. He ordained me a priest of Oakland and was here to bless my years forward 25 years later. That’s a tremendous gift from God. Fr. Richard Mangini placed the vestment on me I wore 25 years ago. It is the same vestment I wore last Saturday night as he concelebrated the mass with me. Another God moment. Fr. Dan Danielson, my first pastor as a priest, provided a mentorship that has had a lasting impact. Didn’t he mold us all over his years as pastor of Pleasanton? He was there last weekend in spirit. The meaningfulness of these encounters is beyond measure.

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In a most profound way, the Catholic Community of Pleasanton has had a pivotal role in these 25 years. From my arrival on the front door step back in 1994 to a second arrival in 2013 to be your pastor, the influence has been deep and abiding. Thank you for growing with me in my vocation as I pray that you have grown in yours. We are blessed with a tremendously talented staff. I am blessed with pastoral and finance councils. The members do the visioning work that grows a parish to life given the signs of the times. There is a building committee who work on our behalf to get the activity center at St. Elizabeth Seton built. This is very tedious work requiring patience. These people are a snapshot of the great work of our parish. Walking this journey together is what makes a community. Gathering together as One because He is One becomes our very nature.

There are so many from the one Catholic Community of Pleasanton and beyond to thank for the celebration last weekend. The layers of liturgical ministers – greeters, ushers, altar server, readers, ministers of communion and choir – offered us the spirit of welcome and energy that comes from the Spirit. As many people remarked, the Mass was simply beautiful. Beauty is revealed when we exercise God’s gifts given to us in abundance. It’s beautiful when we do this together. The reception was remarkable. There was a team from our community who put a great deal of sweat into this part of the celebration. When I took one look at the amount of food assembled on the island in the hall, I gasped. To one and all who grilled, cooked, baked and assembled the food and drink, a huge thank you! This is stewardship visible in our midst. Time, talent and treasure came together to make this happen.

When I take a moment to stop, I realize how blessed I am and how blessed we are to journey in this life together. We gather to celebrate the joys and sorrows, lights and shadows of life. We do so because Christ calls us to live His way, truth and life together. We are a blessing to each other and we are called to grow forward together.

I’m a grateful man, priest and pastor.

Fr. Paul
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**Mass Intentions**

**Calendar of Events**

**Location**

- Chapel
- Room A
- Room B
- Room 6
- Room 8
- Rooms 4, 5, 7
- Hall
- Rectory
Scripture Readings
September 23
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3: 16-4:3
Mark 9: 30-37

Ministers Needed
The Altar Linen Care Ministry washes and irons the linens used at Mass. Fully staffed, this task is done by a minister 2 times per year. St. Elizabeth Seton is in need of 2 coordinators plus 8 individuals. St. Augustine is in need of 1 coordinator and 4 individuals. The coordinator communicates with the group for that month to determine who will volunteer for which week. Please contact JoAnn Duncan at (925) 640-1546 or joann.duncan@gmail.com for information or to volunteer for this ministry.

September Is Ministry Signup Month!
As many of you know, our parish cannot support the large number of ministries as well as eight weekend Masses without your help. For example, the eight weekend Masses require approximately 1,000 individual ministers – assuming each minister serves once per month! You can sign up following every weekend Mass in September, on the website, at each church office & Faith Formation. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in one or more ministries to our CCOP community!

Rosary
St. Augustine Church
Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM

Angelus
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at Noon

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. Contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

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

Military Peer Support Group
St. Augustine Church—Rectory
3rd Wednesday of the Month
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Dom Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or email at pietr11@comcast.net. All Ages welcome.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Karen Bauer
Judy Jensen
Bernadette Mignone
Luann Trinca
Michael Turpel
Manuel Rubio
Frank Maicas
Joy Tennison
Rafael Avalos
Mark Burowski
Mark Jurich
Lucille Margarita Falce
Gail K. Hernbroth
Mercedes M. Garcia
Etelvina Suaznabar
Leo Mohan
Lawrence Raj
Alicia Valdez
Charleen Burkhardt
Sandra Thorne
Beverly Freitas
Larry La Brie
James F. Ferenz

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Randy Bartlett
Tony Sullins
Leonila de la Cruz
Sophi Flicker
Francis Gostkowski
Juliet Blake
Karen Bauer
Agnes Fuentes
Charlotte Hallum
Steven Hoffman
Teresa Grande
Kay Sanservino
Norma Torrico
Carla Vasquez
Bella Gavino
Dale Swadley
Paul Miller
Larry Murphy
Patty Dickerson
Thank You
The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank Sandy Rowney, owner of Knit This, Purl That yarn shop at 205 A Main Street for her generous $937.00 donation of high quality yarn. The team will use this donation to construct shawls for future recipients of our mission.

40 Days For Life
From September 26 to November 4, our community will take part in 4 Days for Life. It requires peaceful conduct with no judgments and no offensive signs. It is not a demonstration to change laws. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will change hearts and perhaps offer a woman a last chance for help in a crisis pregnancy. Vigil Location: Outside Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood. Vigil Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily, except Sundays. Please sign up for an hour or more at any time during the campaign! For more information, call Lou Santero at (925) 846-5124 or lpsantero@yahoo.com.

Welcome New Families

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Kids Against Hunger Packing Event

Maryknoll, the Chua Pho Tu Hayward Buddhist Community and the Catholic Community of Pleasanton are teaming up to pack food for kids in our world who are starving.

Date
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 | 10:00am to 11:30am (Please arrive 10 minutes early)

Place
John Paul II Activity Center
4001 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA

Cost
$20 per person to participate. (this covers the cost of food). You may write a check to Kids Against Hunger or pay cash. This is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible.

We Will
Watch a short video about the children who receive food from KAH, work in groups to package meals that will be shipped to hungry children & enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch after the packing event.

For more information visit
www.KAHbayarea.org

Please RSVP by September 24, 2018
RSVP to either Matt or Kris

Matt Gray
mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org
(925) 202-5425

Kris East
keast@maryknoll.org
(510) 276-5021

Children 8 and older may join in but must be able to participate for the entire time!
Invite a girlfriend and join us for a special afternoon!

We are blessed to have Roberta Gonzales speak to us on how the Goodness and ‘Greatness of the Lord’ has allowed her to move forward in faith and confidence as an instrument of God’s love amongst the dire adversity of life, struggles and the deaths of loved ones.

Space is limited - Tickets will go on sale after Masses starting September 22-23. Or, pre-order by emailing wings@catholicsofpleasanton.org with the number of tickets you would like to purchase, your name, who you want to be seated with and your contact information.

Do you want to show off your favorite china?
Table decorators are needed and will receive a free ticket to the tea. Table Decorator Instructions and a Checklist will be provided. Please let us know when you sign up if you would be interested in decorating a table.