Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Last weekend we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome for those adults who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. They are formally on the journey to be one with us in an active faith. Also, we celebrated Catechetical Sunday where we cheered some of our teachers of the faith who assist moms and dads in sharing the faith. At the 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM Masses our children’s and youth choirs were full-voiced singing magnificently. And those gathered were engaged in active prayer. As I sat in the presider’s chair throughout the day’s Sunday Masses, I was filled with a spirit of joy. Joy...

What’s joy? First, in our everyday use of the term, joy reflects a positive experience that seems to lift our spirits in a care free sort of way. We feel happy and grateful. Often, we consider joy to be a result of being freed from the ordinariness of life. We might think of ordinary ruts or routines as keeping us from joy – the grind, the traffic, the homework, the rat-race, the work-week – and so we look forward to special times, weekends, nights out, vacation times, social times, celebrations, and parties where we can break the routine, break out, enjoy ourselves, and experience joy.

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The spiritual writer CS Lewis describes joy as in search of us. That’s its real quality. You can go to a party and say, “Tonight I’m going to have a good time, even if it kills me!” Indeed, parties and letting off steam have their place. You might even have a blast at a party or find a good distraction and these can be necessary and a good rest from hard work. But this is not joy.

Here is a clue on the nature of joy. You cannot plan for it to happen as if you are planning for a trip or a weekend away. What is joy? Joy is always the by-product of something else. We can never attain joy, or consolation, peace, forgiveness, love, and understanding by actively pursuing them. We attain them by offering them to others and sharing them. Joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create joy for others. This is the spiritual principle.

My brothers and sisters, at last weekend’s masses, I was engaged in service as priest to animate and hopefully raise the Catholic Community of Pleasanton in prayer. What happened? The gift of joy came back to me seventy times seven. Joy found me!

May we all strive to embody that the spiritual principle that should govern our lives is service. To follow the example of Jesus who at every turn of his journey on earth was of service to those he encountered.

As we move toward the end of September and ministry sign-ups, I invite you to consider how you might put your life in service at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. Sign-up for a ministry and watch the dividends that you will reap. By joyfully serving our community, Jesus will provide the sizeable reward for you. This is our spiritual principle. Sign-up for ministry!!!

Blessings,

Fr. Paul
## Mass Intentions

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- **RCIA Inquiry**
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- **Maryknoll Affiliates Meeting**
- **Fall Grief Workshop Series**
- **Jesus and Buddha For Kids Against Hunger**
- **For the People**
- **The Mosely Family (L)**
Scripture Readings
September 30
Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Maryknoll Gospel Reflection
Gather with the Maryknoll Affiliates and friends to reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in light of Pope Francis’ call to missionary discipleship. This is a sacred time to share our faith journeys, our hopes, our fears and to pray in a safe and welcoming space. We’ll meet on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 PM, Room A, St Elizabeth Seton. Please contact Kris East at (510) 276-5021 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul CCOP Conference Update
The following is a recap of how we have helped our clients in the last 2 months with the last 5th Sunday funds the parish graciously provided our conference in July.

- Rent – 8 Assisted, $1,753 total paid.
- Grocery Gift Cards – 11 Assisted, $440 total paid.
- PG&E – 8 Assisted, $798 total paid.
- Motel Nights – 14 Assisted, 21 Days, $1,767 total paid

We thank the parish for allowing us to assist those in our community most in-need and would ask next weekend you consider us again during the second collection for St Vincent de Paul.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Mark Nelson  
Jim DeMello  
Erich Pokorny  
John Onate  
Karen Bauer  
Judy Jensen  
Lou Ann Trinca  
Bernadette Mignone

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Manuel Rubio  
Michael Turpel  
Eleanor Grabowski  
Frank Maicas  
Joy Tennison  
Rafael Avalos  
Mark Burowski

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.

WINGS Annual Women’s Tea
Saturday, October 13, 2018
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM - St. Augustine Hall
$20.00 Suggested Donation

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 by emailing wings@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
The Knights of Columbus will be having a membership drive next weekend. There will be information tables and Knights in the vestibules after each Mass. Perhaps you have questions about our Knights or are simply curious? Please stop by and see if you would like to join this very active group of practical Catholic gentlemen.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Jim Cronn  
Agnes Fuentes  
Randy Bartlett  
Tony Sullins  
Leonila de la Cruz

Larry Murphy  
Sophi Flicker  
Teresa Grande  
Juliet Blake
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 information, call Lou Santero at (925) 846-5124 or lpszantero@yahoo.com.

Stewardship of Treasure
August 2018

August Sunday Plate Budget: $128,229
August Sunday Plate Actual: $126,552
% via On-line Giving: 29%

YTD Sunday Plate Budget: $1,082,066
YTD Sunday Plate Actual: $1,057,819
% of Budget 98%

August Arise & Build Receipts $60,079
Total A&B Campaign Receipts $3,407,969
Total Receipts % of $3.6M Pledge 95%

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Click on the Giving tab of the CCOP Website to review the 2017 / 2018 Parish Financial Report

St. Raymond’s WINGS
Women In God’s Spirit Invitation to women of all ages. Make plans to treat yourself to some special time just for you, to nurture your spirit, enjoy fellowship and to gain insight from inspirational speakers. Please join us every Wednesday morning 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM in St. Raymond Moran Hall, 11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA. Beginning October 3 we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron’s video series “Catholicism”. Following the presentation we will break into small groups for discussion and sharing. Childcare is available. Hope to see you! For more information, call Kathy Morte at (925) 833-7819.

Jesus and Buddha Working Together To Change The World!

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, September 29, 2018 | 10:00 am to 11:30 am (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!
We know that there are so many in the Tri-Valley who exercise their gifts and make our parish thrive. To all of you who engage in the ministry of Jesus in Pleasanton, thank you. What I also know is this... so many of us come to Mass on Sunday and see who is greeting, who is reading, who is serving.

Maybe we should consider sharing in this responsibility. Many people help make the Catholic Community of Pleasanton thrive and we want the new generation of Pleasanton to continue this legacy. Please consider a gift of your time and your talent to make our parish thrive. We are asking no more of you than serving at the Masses that you are currently attending. We have so much to give back from the gifts that God has given us... God looks for a return on what He gives us.

Thanks for all you give!!

Blessings,
Fr. Paul

For more information, please visit the website and click on Ministry Signup

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