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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

JULY 14, 2019

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“and who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:25-37

A Note From Fr. Mark

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who welcomed me as your new pastor at CCOP last weekend at St. Augustine. Being one priest with two locations, I was unable to be at both churches last weekend, but in time I am sure we will all meet! By way of introduction, I thought I would share a bit about myself with you.

I was born in Buffalo, New York in 1962 and moved to the Bay Area (Concord) with my family in 1969. I attended De La Salle High School, and after graduating from U.C. Davis in 1985 with a degree in Rhetoric and Communications, spent six weeks on a Summer of Service with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Scotland. I worked in the insurance industry for two years before joining the National Evangelization Teams (NET). From August 1987 through August 1988, I traveled with NET conducting retreats for high school students across our country and throughout Australia. While on NET, I contacted the Vocation Director for our Diocese to pursue the possibility of a life of ministry.

Returning from NET, I entered St. Joseph’s College Seminary in 1989 for a year of pre-theology study. In 1990, I entered St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of

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Oakland in my home parish of St. Francis of Assisi, in Concord, on June 10, 1995.

While in the seminary, I joined the United States Air Force as a chaplain candidate. As a chaplain candidate, I was on duty at Barksdale AFB, The United States Air Force Academy, Lowry AFB and Vandenberg AFB. After ordination, I continued my service in the Air Force as an active reserve chaplain at Travis AFB until 2000.

From 1995 through 1998, I was a parochial vicar at All Saints Parish in Hayward. My second assignment was here at CCOP under the watchful eye of Fr. Dan Danielson from mid-1998 until May of 2001. From May 2001 until December 2003, I was assigned to Assumption Parish in San Leandro. After two and a half years as pastoral administrator, I became the pastor of St. Augustine Church in Oakland where I served from June 2006 through August 2012. From there I was off to be pastor at St. Charles until I returned here to CCOP on July 1, 2019.

I have also served as Director of Communications and Media Relations for the Diocese of Oakland. I currently serve on the Presbytery Council and am a member of the Bishop's College of Consultants.

During the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy held by the church in 2016, I was commissioned by Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy. One of my greatest joys in ministry is conducting retreats, parish missions, days and evenings of reflection and teaching scripture. I have discovered, from my earliest days on NET, that I have a missionary heart.

In addition to ministry, I am a trained working voice over artist and have performed on stage since first grade! I have been cast in more than 65 musicals throughout my life. Currently I am rehearsing “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” which opens later this month at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. I also thoroughly enjoy travel, movies, and anything else that strikes my fancy on a given day.

As I mentioned, I am sure that in the years ahead we will get to know each other well. I look forward to working with you to build the Kingdom of God here in the Tri-Valley. Have a blessed and peaceful week.

- Fr. Mark
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Scripture Readings
July 21
Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Putting Faith Into Action
If you are looking for opportunities to put your faith into action in service of those in need, please contact the Social Justice Committee at socialjustice@catholicsofpleasanton.org to find out more about our work and the programs we sponsor and organize.

A Message From The Social Justice Committee

Eucharistic Adoration
Seeking quiet time for prayer and meditation? 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, clear your mind of all busyness and be present to Our Lord – let Him minister to you.

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

Last Friday of Each Month (Spanish)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

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

Faith Formation Office Hours
The Faith Formation office is closed for the month of July. Have a nice Summer!

Grief Ministry
We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton, on July 25 and August 8. Contact Eleanor at (925) 846-8708. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

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 information, contact Dom Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or email at pietr11@comcast.net. All Ages welcome.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES
Arvin & Leasol Borja
James & Claudine Cho
Mya & Michael Doan
Mike & Amy Duggan
Chris & Trisha Garber
Simson & Carine King
Horacio Laredo & Karina Cortes Laredo
Albert & Rachel Managahas
Michael & Gina Douglas
Evalyn Palacio
Esmeralda Quintanilla
Armando & Lalaine Sarasua
Fredy Tobar
Kurt & Elizabeth Untermann
Bartiomie & Monicka Walicka
Dorothy Wortham

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Jack Nielson
Kelly Beaty
Franne Mannino
Natividad Cordova
Nancy Newman
Terry Broderick
Manuel Garcia
Rose Marie Forsman
David Allen Shields
Vicente DaSilva
Leona Jackson
Jeffrey Sarbak
Shirley Rundle
Enrique Martinez
Dan Samson
Marilyn Athenour

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Marisa Valenzuela
Jess Umali
Barbara Callaway
Joe Holt
Gloria Fredette
Peggy Hansen

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Kids Against Hunger®

2nd Annual Meal Packing Event
10:00 AM Saturday August 17
St. Augustine Hall

Join us to provide meals to hungry families around the world by volunteering just two hours of your time.

Every 6 seconds a child dies, nearly 16,000 every day, because of hunger and related causes. Did you know that 15.3 million children under the age of 18 in the United States live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life?

Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide nutritious food to impoverished children and families around the world...and around the corner. They organize meal-packing events where volunteers assemble meals for hungry and starving children all over the world. Visit kahbayarea.org or the parish website for more information.

MedShare
Volunteers Needed!
Saturday July 27

Please join us at MedShare on Saturday July 27 from 9:00 AM until noon. A group of CCOP volunteers will be sorting medical supplies in San Leandro. MedShare provides free medical supplies to hospitals and fee clinics around the world where there is great need. We are looking for 15 volunteers. For information or to volunteer please contact Marti at martiannc@yahoo.com or call (925) 667-6169.

This volunteer activity is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

We Got Bibles!

Detention Ministry thanks all who donated Bibles to the inmates at Santa Rita Jail. Scripture is essential to those who seek a life connected to Christ. Our community can feel good about literally sharing God’s Word with the inmates and responding to this need. Thank you!
INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE

Pope John Paul II Activity Center
Saturday, July 20 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Blood supply drops to very dangerous levels in the Summer months and this is your timely opportunity to give when the need is greatest. Sign up in advance online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code “interfaithcommunity” (no separation) where it asks for a sponsor code and then look for our July 20 CCOP event date.

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Deckert at chuckdeckert@comcast.net.