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

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton

October 13, 2019

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Luke 17:11-19

A Note From Fr. Mark

Something is right!

Last week I shared with some of the many responses I had from people sharing their thoughts about why Mass attendance, and over all participation in most of our ministries, is down. Everything from happenings in Rome, to changing demographics in Pleasanton, to the Arise and Build Campaign, and all kinds of things in between, were mentioned. Dozens and dozens of people have contacted me, many asking what they can do to help, to support the work of the staff and various parish councils, and to address the issues we have identified.

Something is right!

Although we have experienced a decline in attendance, still thousands of you have chosen to make the Catholic Community of Pleasanton your faith home and choose to come every weekend, even weekday, to celebrate the mysteries of our faith at Mass. Hundreds upon hundreds of you still make the effort to bring your children to Faith Formation, Middle School and Youth ministry so that your children have the opportunity to learn our faith and build community. Still more have signed up to participate in the ministries our parish offers. Every weekend hundreds of families make a

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sacrifice of their treasure to support the parish and the ministry we do.

**Something is right!**

While it is important that we know and address the challenges we face, it is also important we are aware of what we are doing right. While we cannot be afraid of our weaknesses (and the need to work on them) we can also play to our strengths and leverage what we do well. So, I would ask this week: Why are you Catholic? Why do you come to the Catholic Community of Pleasanton? Why is this your faith, and this the place you practice it? Clearly, we have many challenges ahead of us, but even so, it is clear...

**Something is right!**

_In other news..._the month of October is going to be a little different when it comes to the priests. Earlier this year, Fr. Luke, Fr. Fili and I were all assigned to different parishes. While in different parishes, we all made plans to travel in October for various events. Then the Diocese assigned us all to the same parish and we discovered some of our travel dates conflict. We adjusted our travel as best we could, but even so, there were conflicts we could not avoid. There is never a weekend when we are all gone, but those who come to daily Mass will notice during the week of October 21-25 there will be communion services. (Fr. Luke will be around for much of that week, but he has potential jury duty, is entitled to his day off, and also has contracted ministerial responsibilities at Santa Rita jail). I am grateful to Deacon Joe Gourley for his willingness to preside at the communion services for us. I am confident that, except for when the Bishop calls all the priests away for our biennial convocation, this is unlikely to happen again. I thank you for your understanding.

- Fr. Mark
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
Scripture Readings

October 20
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18: 1-8

Holiday Office Hours

In observance of Columbus Day the Rectory, Faith Formation and St. Elizabeth Seton Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14. 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.

Adult Choir

Calling all men! The Adult Choir is looking for more men to sing at the Sunday 10:00 AM Liturgy, and the upcoming Christmas Concert. Be a part of this fun chorus and serve the community in a joyful way! We rehearse on Tuesday nights from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at St Augustine Church. Interested? Send an email to our Music Director, Ira Stein at istein@catholicsofpleasanton.org or come to talk to Ira at the piano after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Military Peer Support Group

St. Augustine Church—Rectory
3rd Thursday of the Month
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Thursday of each month. For information, contact Dom Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or email at pietr11@comcast.net. All Ages welcome.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at CCOP is collecting NON-EXPIRED, non-perishable food for its annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy in Pleasanton. Please leave your donations in the food bins located in the vestibules of each church any time until Saturday, November 23. Items such as packaged food mixes and dried goods (rice, pasta, beans) are appreciated. Also welcome are cereals, sandwich spreads, and other pantry staples (such as flour, cooking oil, condiments and broth). St. Vincent de Paul will purchase turkeys or hams and fresh fruit for our client families. The Knights of Columbus will deliver the food baskets. Volunteers are also needed to pack the Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 24 at 8:00 AM at St. Augustine Hall. This is a fun, family-friendly packing event. Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship of Treasure

September Sunday Plate Budget: $160,119
September Sunday Plate Actual: $136,668
% via On-line Giving: 24%
YTD Sunday Plate Budget: $1,230,235
YTD Sunday Plate Actual: $1,130,599
% of Budget 92%
September Arise & Build Receipts $53,758
Total A&B Campaign Receipts $4,184,810
Total Receipts % of $3.6M Pledge 1.16%

Thank you for your Stewardship!

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Jesus Moreno
Marco Ortega
Jimmy Estes
Carlitos Velasco Paredes
Baby Trey
Allan Ard
Jack Nielson
Daniel Carleton
Zachary Yu
Heston Arroyo
Juliet Blake
Kaden Koopmann
Gary Cox
Dante Andal
Helena Loh
Sarah Miller

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Amy Michelle Lie
William Higgins
Stephanie Dunn
Larry Jackson
Marjorie De Hart
Bill McCammon
Enrique Martinez
Ann Asperson
Rusty Hewitson
Jeannette Bacho-Ganem
Caroline Mittler
Ron Ferry
Lucille Augello
Demetrio Lozaren, Sr.
Kaden Farro
Deacon Jerry Grigg
Brandon A. Cabeza
Sister Pat Walsh

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**Family Movie Night**

“Hocus Pocus”  
St. Augustine Parish Hall, Friday, October 25  
Doors Open 6:30 PM / Movie Starts 7:00 PM

Come watch with the whole family! Wear your pajamas! Free Popcorn! Candy and Soda available for purchase. Come with your low chairs, blankets or sleeping bags to sit on. Elementary age children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Habit For Humanity**

Five volunteers are needed for November 2, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Join a crew of volunteers to build affordable homes with Habitat locally. First-timers and experienced builders welcome, ages 16 and up. All materials, supplies, and instruction will be provided. Please plan to bring a water bottle, lunch and team spirit. Sign up by **Monday, October 21** at [http://vhub.at/ccop](http://vhub.at/ccop) or contact Judy at judyhegarty@yahoo.com or leave a message at (925) 600-0534; the Habitat team at volunteer@habitatEBSV.org or (510) 803-3322 with questions.

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

**Dia de los Muertos**

Dia de los Muertos is a day in which we honor the memory of someone special in our lives that is no longer physically with us. Tradition calls for pictures of the departed to be placed on the Dia de los Muertos altar to remind us of our beloved ones and the things that they loved during their time on earth. This is a time of joy because we know that we are surrounded by them always.

The Hispanic Community of CCOP will have an altar up at each church from **Thursday, October 31 – Sunday, November 3**. Parishioners are invited to bring a picture of their loved ones during this time and place it on the altars. You may pick up your photos by Sunday November 3. Please include your name and email behind your picture so we may return it to you. If you have any questions, please email Olivia Negrete at olivia.negrete@yahoo.com.

**Items For October 19-20 (Next Weekend)**

1. Cleaning Supplies: Toilet cleaner, air freshener, disinfectant spray, plastic gloves, dish detergent, laundry detergent.
2. Food Items: Hot chocolate (individual packets), Tea bags, granola bars/snacks, oatmeal (individual packets), decaffeinated coffee, Splenda (sugar sweetener packets), Salt / Pepper packets.

As you go through your week, please remember our brothers and sisters who are living in desperate circumstances. For more information about Livermore Homeless Refuge please visit their website at livermorehomelessrefuge.org.

This project is organized and sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.
FESTA ITALIANA
DINNER & SOCIAL

Saturday October 26th
St. Augustine Hall

No-Host Cocktails
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Authentic Italian Dinner
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Menu
Antipasti, Rigatoni in Bolognese Sauce, Meatballs, Sausage, Salad, Italian Bread, Italian Dessert

Pricing
Adults: $25.00 • Children 12 and under: $10.00

For tickets, call or email:
Stephen Natale: (925) 895-7661 or sanatale@hotmail.com
Chuck Berardi: (925) 381-1643 or chuck.berardi@gmail.com

You can also buy your tickets online at www.kofc6043.org or by scanning the QR code below.

Ticket sales end Wednesday, October 23

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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