Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

I want to thank the many of you who responded to my request for constructive feedback from my preaching last weekend. If you were not at Mass on the weekend of 15-16 July, please go to the website and read my letter “Why Do We Do What We Do: Making a Joyful Noise.” The letter reminds us of the need to be of strong voice and introduces the possibility of exploring the quality of that voice anew at Sunday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Augustine. So far, there were Facebook responses, emails and some phone calls. I will be gathering responses till the end of July. Please give me a bit of time to respond to your notes and emails.

This “corner” also allows me to clarify some points so that we can look ahead with greater clarity if we adopt the proposed changes. Here are some points that I wish to reiterate:

1) The Sunday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Augustine will NOT be a “silent Mass”.

2) The cantor (singer) and accompanist (pianist) have an essential role at the 8:00 AM Mass.

3) What the PRIORITY is in singing will be proclaimed with great voice (Cf. letter).

4) This is not the “Fast Mass.” Good celebration is not calculated by the number of minutes.

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In addition to your observations on the proposed shift at 8:00 AM Mass, there are related items that I will forward to Deacon Gary for the consideration of the Liturgy Committee. For now, let me give you an example. A few people commented that it’s important to stay till the end of Mass because the ritual is not formally ended till we are sent forth following the final blessing. I can do nothing else but agree on that point.

Yet, some of these comments noted that we do not give due gratitude to those who share their voices and skills on instruments when we walk out and they are still giving glory to God (Music Ministry). This is a good thing to consider. Of course, from time to time there is good reason to leave a bit early. For me, it’s a good reminder to be present with others at worship, supporting others at worship and remaining present, active and aware of what it is we are doing. So many other comments fall along this level of thoughtfulness.

Reminding ourselves that liturgy (Mass) is the center of our lives is a good thing, maybe the most important of things. How often we take this for granted. It’s good to remember that Jesus calls us to Mass. He is proclaiming God’s Word at Mass. He gives us His body and blood at Mass and He sends us to give our faith to others. What we do at Mass is all about Him; it’s not about me or you. If we are His disciples, His followers, then we need to do what He did. He gave His life. Come to Mass to give something. Give your life to Him.

Take time for family and friends...

Fr. Paul

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Scripture Readings
July 30
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Brothers and sisters in Christ, join us on the First Friday of the month at St Augustine from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Drop in for an hour or whatever time you have available. Eucharistic Adoration is a personal way of developing a deeper relationship with the Lord. Have a quiet time for prayers and meditations. Benediction follows Eucharistic Adoration at 12:00 PM.

Bible Study
Bible Study classes will resume in September with the Book of Leviticus. More information to follow.

2017 Schedule
September  The Book of Leviticus
October    The Book of Numbers
November   The Book of Deuteronomy

1st Wednesdays at Main Street
CCOP has a booth at downtown Pleasanton’s First Wednesdays Summer Street Fairs. Please visit between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM this August! The Teen Choir performs a few songs and our Confirmation teens provide face painting for the kids. Our booth is near Dean’s Cafe on Main Street.

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

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. For more information, contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Grief Workshop
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM

Summer Schedule
July 27, August 10 and 24
The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person’s grief journey has its own path and its own timeline. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are Stepping Stones that are part of each grief journey.

Join us bi-monthly and let us accompany you on your healing journey. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, contact Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

Grief Ministry
The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden or tragic or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Each person’s grief journey has its own path. Fr. Padraig Greene will be the speaker on Thursday, August 10, 7:30 PM. Please join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey.

These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Do you knit or crochet? Come meet our wonderful group of women who generously share their time and talent by creating and donating beautiful shawls to many parishioners who are in need. These shawls are distributed in times of sorrow, grief, and sadness but also in times of celebration and joy!! We meet the second Thursday of every month, at St Elizabeth Seton, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please join us, we welcome all hands. Contact Gwen Foster at (925) 398-8514 or Gwenfoster34@comcast.net and/or Cleo Foster (925) 918-2986 or itzcleo@comcast.net.
Backpack School Supply Drive

High school youth ministry is doing a backpack and school supply drive for children in Tri-Valley Haven's shelter, in the Pleasanton School District, and within our own parish. Collection bins will be in the vestibules from July 15-23. Here are the items requested:

- New Backpacks
- Binders
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Compasses
- Pens (red, blue & black ink)
- Binder paper (wide-rule & college-rule)
- Notebooks (marbled or wired)

Purchase Payless Shoes gift cards in $10 denominations to help families whose children need shoes for school.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on July 14-16 or September 29 - October 1. Space is limited! Early registration is recommended. For additional information, contact Ray and Roberta at (916) 806-4601 or Joe and Sue at (925) 680-7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org or http://oaklandwwme.org.

Faith Formation Registration

The next open registration opportunity for Faith Formation Programs will be on August 15 from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the St. Augustine Parish Hall. For more information please visit the CCOP Website.

Kelly Moore Paint

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland who purchase paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company can receive a KM Club Discount and have a portion of the purchase gifted back to the Diocese. This year Kelly Moore donated back $1,000. Please use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711.

Cemetery & Funeral Planning

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is offering a Summer Promotion at all of its locations. Together with the parish discount, all pre-need cemetery purchases are 10% off with extended financing terms at zero interest. In addition, there is a similar discount on pre-need funeral services. Please contact Frank Draschner at (925) 784-6666 for details. The Summer Promotion ends September 30.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Susan Magruda
Geraldine Cowley
Sherryn Corrigan
Barbara Wellnitz
Josette Bibbo
Barbara Calloway
Gene Guaraglia
Barbara Smith
Mary Paradiso
Loren Guillarte
Leonard Stout
Shawn Culley
Jordan River

Angie Trujillo
Annette Langer
Lynn McWilliams Champlin
Eleanor Collins
Richard A. Moyce
Amie Lersch
Ginger Creeley
Patricia J. Keenan
Virginia J. Madden
John R. Harris
Robert D. Palechek
Mary L. Dolan
Genevieve Giordano

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Ron Abidog
Kenneth Smith
Louise McMurray
Lillian Moore
Stella Gallagher
Nancy Tidwell
Archbishop John Quinn
Teresita Natividad
Ruben Atencion
Barry Weiss
Edward Collins

Dorothy Grill
Dolores Serafini
Froilan Gaspar
Antonio Deleon
Cecilia Hernandez
Thomas V. Malone
Ilumina Ramirez
Maria Memmer
John Francis Hansen
Terese Ann Bartolo
All are welcome to this workshop for teens from middle through high school age and their parents, guardians or adult loved ones. We will have 2 workshops running simultaneously. In St. Augustine Church will be a workshop for adults on Suicide Prevention and Awareness. In St. Augustine Hall is a workshop for teens who are incoming middle through high school age. All are welcome from the community of Pleasanton and surrounding areas. The goal of having this workshop is to equip all of us with the tools we need to help someone at risk of dying by suicide. This program is being presented by Crisis Support Services of Alameda County and hosted by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

**WHERE:**
St. Augustine Church (Adults)
& St. Augustine Hall (Teens)
3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

**WHEN:**
Tuesday August 1st, 2017
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

www.catholicsofpleasanton.org  www.crisissupport.org