

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

John 6:26-29

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**ORDINARY TIME : August 1st
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:24-35. Getting our values straight. According to St Paul, if Christ is really active in our lives (and who among us wants to claim he isn't?), our very way of thinking will have been turned upside down; that is, it will have been put right, because sin has perverted the order of our values. Our priorities (when we vote, when we wonder if we should have more children or not, when we choose our entertainment, when we go shopping, when we're tempted to cut corners at work, take advantage of a customer, or skip our homework, and when we make any of the countless minor decisions of every day) will not be the following -- "what's in it for me", "what will this do for my bank account", "is it pleasurable" or "can I get away with it", but rather, "how can this help me reach my real goal, eternal life", "is this what God wants", "does it bring me closer to God", "will this help others", "will it be a better witness of Christian life".

Unrealistic? No, unless Jesus should be called "unrealistic" when he reproached people who were far needier than any of us for being more interested in today's lunch than in the bread of life (Gospel). No, because this is the only realistic attitude: this is the way God sees things and only he sees things in all their reality. We're the ones who need to "get real". Did Jesus really become man and die on a cross merely so his followers could be just like everybody else?

Fruitful communions: To achieve this means taking Communion far more

"seriously" than we regularly do; being quite certain that it is a food that will, gradually, transform me. No, you won't lose weight, but you will begin to think differently about life.

In practice, it means seriously preparing yourself: before Mass, during Mass and when going to receive. Before Mass: arriving, having made some kind of real attempt during the week, to do God's will in your life, and to open your heart to him regularly in prayer, and to people in need. During Mass: offering yourself as best you can with Christ who is offering himself for you, having an idea of what you need from him (from this Communion), telling him this. When you go to Communion: remembering who you are: this needy, weak, selfish, tempted, grieving, overworked... individual. And who the One you are about to receive is: the Jesus who gave - and gives - sight to the blind, consolation to the grieving, strength to the weak... who was tempted, and overcame temptation, for you; who invited his followers to come aside and rest with him; who gave and gives himself up for you, so that you can do it for others...

Then, after Mass, maybe we'll be ready to do something about "the thousand inconsistencies of a 'globalized' world where the weakest, the most powerless and the poorest appear to have so little hope!", aware "that it is 'unworthy' of a Christian community to partake of the Lord's Supper amid division and indifference towards the poor".

Excerpted from *Sacerdos*

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In Loving Memory of
Larry & Olga Martinez,
One Day at a Time. ✝



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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday — 7:00 a.m.

Saturday — 8:00 a.m.

Saturday — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

Confessions:

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. — 6:50 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. — noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:50 p.m.

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

FATHER BART'S CORNER

**My sisters and brothers:
The Transfiguration**

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Tabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

--Excerpted from *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

With prayers and love,

Fr. Bart, S.V.D

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Monday, August 2

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, August 3

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, August 4

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Confessions 6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

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Thursday, August 5

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Friday, August 6

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 8:00 a.m.—noon

Confessions 9:00 a.m.—noon

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Saturday, August 7

Live Stream Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Confessions 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, August 8

Live Stream Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Weekday Confessions thirty minutes before morning Mass.

Weekly Readings

8/2—NM 11:4b-15; MT 14:13-21

8/3—NM 12:1-13; MT 14:22-36 or MT 15:1-2, 10-14

8/4—NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; MT 15:21-28

8/5—NM 20:1-13; MT 16:13-23

8/6—DN 7:9-10, 13-14; 2PT 1:16-19; MK 9:2-10

8/7—DT 6:4-13; MT 17:14-20

8/8—1 KG 19:4-8; EPH 4:30-5:2; JN 6:41-51

Vocation View

“Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.” With these words, St. Augustine recognizes that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness.

Divine Word Vocation Office
1-800-553-3321
www.svdvocations.org

PARISH CORNER

The Parish Life Center Next Door To The Church Is Now Open!

Beginning this weekend, Sunday, August 1ST, the Parish Life Center will be open for morning fellowship. Complimentary donuts and coffee will be available beginning after mass until 12:15pm. The Parish Life Center will close at 12:30pm. We ask that you adhere to the 12:15pm time frame which will allow us to clean and sanitize our facility so that we can close the Parish Life Center at 12:30pm.

Father Douglas May Visit



A few weeks ago Father May visited our parish. The following letter is in reference to that visit.

Dear Father Bart,

Sincere thanks from here and Maryknollers around the world for your kindness. Father Douglas May, M.M. enjoyed the weekend and the people of Our Mother of Mercy were very receptive.

Needless to say, this donation is a great help towards our efforts to bring the “Good News” to all nations. May this kindness rebound to you and your people.

Father Bart, would you note our sincere thanks to your parishioners in your bulletin or during your announcements? There will be a grateful remembrance in our masses and prayers. May God bless your wonderful labors.

Sincerely,

Deacon Paul Bork,

CED Mission Appeals
Unit Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Catholic School

Dual Language

Our school is the Diocese’s only dual language classical Catholic school and it is nationally recognized for its partnership with the Boston College Two Way Immersion Network. The school serves students from 3 years old through 8th grade. Scholarships and financial assistance is available, including \$1,500 in transfer grants available to public school students. For more info, or to tour our school, please contact our Admissions Director, Geraldine Pinto at gpinto@ascsfw.org, or call 817-624-2670. You can also visit us online at www.ascsfw.org.

Nuestra escuela es la única escuela católica clásica bilingüe de la Diócesis y es reconocida a nivel nacional por su asociación con Boston College Two Way Immersion Network. La escuela atiende a estudiantes desde los 3 años hasta el 8vo grado. Hay becas y asistencia financiera disponibles, incluidos \$1,500 en subvenciones de transferencia disponibles para estudiantes de escuelas públicas. Para obtener más información o para recorrer nuestra escuela, comuníquese con nuestra Directora de Admisiones, Geraldine Pinto en gpinto@ascsfw.org, o llame al 817-624-2670. También puede visitarnos en línea en www.ascsfw.org.

PK & Kindergarten Round Up

We have a few spots left in PK & Kindergarten for next school year. **Some special scholarships are available for these grades.** We would love to have your child join us. For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Geraldine Pinto at gpinto@ascsfw.org, or call 817-624-2670.

Nos quedan algunos lugares en PK y Kindergarten para el próximo año escolar. **Algunas becas especiales están disponibles para estos grados.** Nos encantaría que su hijo se una a nosotros. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con nuestra Directora de Admisiones, Geraldine Pinto en gpinto@ascsfw.org, o llame al 817-624-2670.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE TRADITION OF PRAYER

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER

Vocal Prayer

2700 Through his Word, God speaks to man. By words, mental or vocal, our prayer takes flesh. Yet it is most important that the heart should be present to him to whom we are speaking in prayer: "Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls."²

2701 Vocal prayer is an essential element of the Christian life. To his disciples, drawn by their Master's silent prayer, Jesus teaches a vocal prayer, the Our Father. He not only prayed aloud the liturgical prayers of the synagogue but, as the Gospels show, he raised his voice to express his personal prayer, from exultant blessing of the Father to the agony of Gethemani.³

2702 The need to involve the senses in interior prayer corresponds to a requirement of our human nature. We are body and spirit, and we experience the need to translate our feelings externally. We must pray with our whole being to give all power possible to our supplication.

2703 This need also corresponds to a divine requirement. God seeks worshippers in Spirit and in Truth, and consequently living prayer that rises from the depths of the soul. He also wants the external expression that associates the body with interior prayer, for it renders him that perfect homage which is his due.

2704 Because it is external and so thoroughly human, vocal prayer is the form of prayer most readily accessible to groups. Even interior prayer, however, cannot neglect vocal prayer. Prayer is internalized to the extent that we become aware of him "to whom we speak;"⁴ Thus vocal prayer becomes an initial form of contemplative prayer.

² St. John Chrysostom, *Ecloga de oratione* 2:PG 63,585.
³ Cf. *Mt* 11:25-26; *Mk* 14:36.
⁴ St. Teresa of Jesus, *The Way of Perfection* 26,9 in *The Collected Works of St. Teresa of Avila*, tr. K. Kavanaugh, OCD, and O. Rodriguez, OCD (Washington DC: Institute of Carmelite Studies, 1980),II,136.

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