

*Twenty Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 1, 2024*



***NEW COLUMN: THE MASS AND THE SAINTS**

From the Gusset

“Life looks different after the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.” This was one of **the main themes** that **Bishop Flores**, the **Bishop of Brownsville, Texas**, kept speaking of in his talk to the priests at **the Eucharistic Congress**. Every priest knows this to be true, but like many of **the priest Saints** before him, **Bishop Flores** was **encouraging** us to trust God even in **the direst situations**, and so celebrate **the Mass** for our people. I give you just one example.



When someone whom we **love** dies, **our life** can seem empty and not worth **living** anymore. So what does **the Catholic Church encourage** us to do? Celebrate **the Funeral Mass** for our **beloved**! Why? Because *life looks different after the celebration of the Mass*. Ultimately, we find God in one of two places. We find God present in the celebration of **the Eucharist** at **Mass**, and we find that God is always present wherever someone’s **humanity** has been **wounded**! God the Father sent His Son **to earth** to heal our **wounded humanity**!! So every time Jesus comes upon us – when we are **sick**, when we are **lonely**, when we have been hurt by **other’s sins** against us or when we have been hurt by **our own sins** – when Jesus comes upon us – He **loves** us with the **love**, with which His Heavenly Father gave to Him! Remember, **the Parable of the Good Samaritan**? The man was on his way down to Jericho, when he fell **victim** to **robbers**, who took all of his possessions, beat him up, and left him for **dead** on the side of the road. None of the victim’s **fellow men** stopped to help him, but Jesus – *the One who looks on the frailty of our wounded humanity and has compassion* – Jesus came along and **poured oil and wine** over his wounds and bandaged him up, and took him to an inn!!! As the **“BTB” Bishop from Brownsville** said, *God knows nothing more than to pour Himself out, and God is just looking for a worthy receptacle to pour Himself into*. **The Catholic Church** calls us to **Mass** every Sunday and to **help the poor** and **the broken hearted**. Why does **the Church** make us go to



Mass every Sunday and why does **the Church encourage** us to **love** our neighbor (especially when he is sick or **down trodden** by the world)? Because these are the times in our **life** when we will find God – or rather **the Catholic Mass** and in the serving of the poor – these are the times in our **life** when God will **assuredly** find us! There is a member of your **family**, your **Church Community**, and one of your own **elected government officials**, who is wounded. You need to come to **Mass** and receive **the Eucharist** – receive the **love** God is dying to **pour** into you – that you might give that **love** to these wounded human beings, whom you **love**. When you **celebrate** the **Mass**, life will look different both for you and the poor, whom you **love**!

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy

Sublette's Church has taken over the perpetual care of the **Theiss Cemetery**. Part of this perpetual care is the physical maintenance of the cemetery (cutting the grass), but part of this care is spiritual; such as, the celebration of the **Holy Mass** for the souls whose bodies are interred there. So, on **Saturday, September 14th** we will celebrate a **Mass** at the cemetery grounds at 11:00 am. Please bring a lawn chair for your own comfort.



Please join us for **Mass** on **Labor Day** at **Sandy Hill Cemetery**. **Fr. Kramer** will celebrate **Mass** at this historic cemetery at **10:00am** on **September 2nd**.

CCD REGISTRATION: The Catholic Church is well aware of the great merit and dignity attached to that holy ministry in which our young people are taught their Catholic Faith. The teaching of CCD is good for both the body and soul of our children and for the adults who teach them. That is why the ultimate CCD teachers are the parents, whose very children are enrolled in the program. I have never known a teacher who did not learn more from teaching a class than the students, whom they taught! That is why every time another priest asks me to do a Lenten Mission or a Day of Reflection at his parish, I leap at the opportunity! Our CCD program starts next Sunday, September 8th. Registration will start at 9:00am in the Hall, and classes will begin at 9:15am. To speed things up, go to our website on the CCD-RCIA home page, and you can print out the two page registration form and fill it out at home. Remember to bring a check as we will be charging for CCD classes again this year. If you bring your child to Mass with you on Sundays, you will be reimbursed the totality of the registration fee. Thank you to all our CCD teachers for volunteering their time and talent. Know that by teaching the Catholic Faith, you not only rouse your students to more easily perform good works and protect them from evil, but the greatest work you accomplish is to awaken in them a desire to love God better by their desire to unite themselves to the sacrifice of Christ that happens in the Sunday Mass.



THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

St. Vincent Ferrer (a **Dominican priest**, who lived from 1350-1413) talked about how from the **very beginning of the world**, God has willed that all men should offer **sacrifice**. This is what **Adam's** first two sons were doing. **Cain** offered to God a **sacrifice** of **the fruit of the ground**, because he was a **farmer**. **Abel** offered to God a **sacrifice** of **the firstlings of his flock**, because he was a **shepherd**. See, God created all things both **the corn and soybeans** that **Cain** had planted, and **the newborn sheep** that **Abel** raised from his flock. So that the boys knew that God had given them these **gifts** – the boys were asked to offer back a part of what God had **given to them** – that is they were asked to **sacrifice** back to God just a little of what God had **given them**. On **the night** before Jesus died, the Lord left to His **Church** (His beloved **Spouse**), a visible **sacrifice** that He commanded the Apostles to make *in remembrance of Him* – this is of course **the Eucharist** of **the Mass**. **St. Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787) said, that the **sacrifice** of **the Mass** accomplishes four things: 1) **the Mass** **honors** God, 2) **the Mass** makes **satisfaction** for our sins (**reparations**), 3) the celebration of **the Mass** **thanks** God for His **gifts** to us, and 4) obtains **grace** for us. The **sacrifice** offered on **Calvary** is the same **sacrifice** that is offered when **the Mass** is celebrated; however, we say that on **Calvary** **the blood** of Jesus was really shed, but on **the altar** it is **shed mystically** – that is we say, **the Mass** is **the unbloody sacrifice**. The **martyr, St. John Fisher** (1460-1535) points out, that **the Mass** is a **Mystery** of how Jesus Christ suffered for us – for His body, under **the appearance of bread** – is the body that hung upon the **Cross**, and His blood, under **the appearance of wine** – is the blood poured out for us on the **Cross**. According to the great **Franciscan, St. Bonaventure** (1217-1274) – we celebrate **the Mass**, so that we are caught up in **the ornaments** (vestments that the priest wears) and **the ceremonies** (actions of sitting, standing, kneeling and ringing of bells and smelling of incense) which **symbolize** nothing less than **the Passion of Christ**. By dying once Jesus overcame **death**, and so **the Catholic Church** says, we ought to make the **sacrifice** of the Mass once a week on Sunday **to celebrate** how Jesus has defeated **death** for us. Yet, **Fr. Randy** sins every day and indeed so do all of the rest of us. This is why I celebrate **the Mass** not just on Sunday, but every day of the week. As **St. Paschasius, a Benedictine Abbot** (808-849), would say, ‘since we fall each day, Christ is **mystically** offered for us each day in the **sacrifice** of **the Mass**; that by, His dying once He over came **death**, so daily He forgives **the sins** that return, through this **Sacrament** of His body and blood – **the Eucharist**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31st

(+) Msgr. Mahowald/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Sue Leffelman/ Shawn Leffelman &
(+) Larry Leffelman/ Carlene Schuhler

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Robert Bresson/ Charlotte Bresson

Sunday, September 1st, 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Wendell & (+) Dorothy Brown/ Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Full

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

12:15 pm, **Woodhaven Lakes** (+) Amelia Cymerman/ Maria Franklin &
(+) Elden & (+) Carol Blevins/ Roger & Richard Fronek &
(+) Raymond & (+) Jean Ritola/ Fr. Randy

Monday, September 2nd Labor Day

Mike Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Klein

10:00 am, **Sandy Hill** (+) Pro Populo/ Fr. Kramer

Tuesday, September 3rd

(+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. mark Bresson

Wednesday, September 4th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

Thursday, September 5th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) June Stephenitch/ Fr. Randy Fronek

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Rhonda Schweska/ Mary Schreiner

Friday, September 6th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Lennard & Marie Miles/ Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klein

Saturday, September 7th

(+) Ronald Fronek/ Fronek Family

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Mary Zapf/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen &
(+) Delmer Dinges/ Carlene Schuhler

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

Sunday, September 8th, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Florence Kuebel/ Family

Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Dan & Donna Stephenitch, Zenon & Diane Stuck, Connie Pettenger, Mary Vaessen

SMA: Celia Haub, Don & Teresa Farris, Gene & Patricia Bronge

St. Patrick: Ed & Kathy McLaughlin, Rick & Deb Cardot

