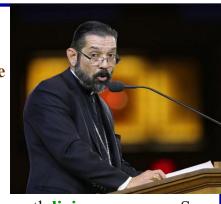
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024



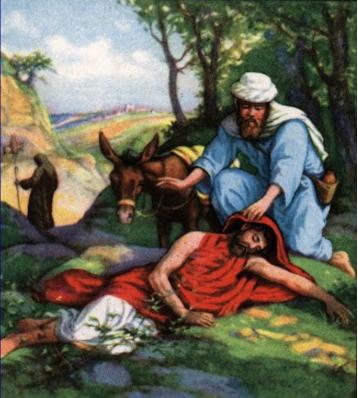
*NEW COLUMN: THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

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



