

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025

“Recognition is the sweetest grace of the New Testament.” —Bishop Flores



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WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE



From the Gusset

Happy Easter! Our final (official) Sunday of **the Easter season** – **Pentecost Sunday** – finds **Fr. Randy** learning a new definition of **Heaven**. Coming out of my **meditations** for **the Solemnity of the Ascension: Heaven** is where God the Father is! In our Lord's **Last Supper** discourse, **St. John** tells us, **Jesus raised his eyes to heaven....** Why does Jesus raise His eyes to **Heaven**? Because that

is where His Father is! Jesus is talking to His Father in **Heaven**, the Lord says, **Father the hour has come – give your glory to Your Son, so that Your Son, Jesus, may glorify You!** We go back to the most important **Parable** in **Sacred Scripture**. I always say, if we lost every word of **Sacred Scripture** except **the Prodigal Son Parable** (**Luke** 15), we could still grope around in **the dark**, stumble Home, find our way back into **Heaven**! We focus on the older son in the **Parable**, because if you are reading this **Gusset column** – the older son is you! The older son is full of resentment at his **younger brother's actions** and **irritated** by how his father is so **lavish** in welcoming **the sinner home** – he refuses to enter the house. What is the house in the **Parable**? The house is **Heaven**, because **Heaven** is where God the Father is! **Heaven** is where **the repentant sinner**, the prodigal son, has returned home to after **reconciling** with the Father. **Heaven** is where our brothers and sisters, who left home – left **the path** that leads to **Heaven** at one point in their life, left **the Catholic Church**, but now they have come to their senses. Are those not the words that **St. Luke** uses in the Parable: *coming to his senses*! The **younger son** thought to himself, *I shall get up and go to my father*. Where is the father? The father is at home, the Father is in **Heaven** – I will get up and go to **Heaven** – I shall return **to live** with Dad! What if...? What if **the older son**, you and I, coming in from the field, hearing the sound of music and dancing, calling the servant and learning of our **brother's return** – what if, **the older son** went straight into **the Feast**? What if **the older son** didn't make his father come out and plead with him? What if you and I are present at **the Feast** of the fattened calf – what if we are present to share in the **Feast** thrown for our **younger brother**? I'll tell you, what if? If you stay in **the Catholic Church** – stay home – stay in the Father's house on **earth** (**the Catholic Church**) God will **glorify** you!! Jesus said it Himself in the Gospel: **Father, everything You have, You have given to Me**. What belongs to Jesus Christ was given to Him by His Heavenly Father. Doesn't the Dad, in your **favorite Parable** and mine, say to **the older son**, “Son, you are here (at home) with me always, everything I have is yours. My **prodigal son** has returned home. I, your Father, give you your **brother** as **a gift** – come to **the Feast!**” **The Feast** is **the Mass** – **the Feast** is **the Eucharist!** **Happy Easter!** **Yours on the Path** **Fr. Randy**



MISSIONARY PREIST

WELCOME Fr. Benjamin Asibuo Kusi

The great **Solemnity of Pentecost** will find **Fr. Benjamin Asibuo Kusi** as our **Missionary priest** telling us about his native **Diocese of Goaso**! **Fr. Benjamin** is a convert from **the Methodist Church**, who was ordained on July 12th in 2003! **Father's** first parish was named **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**! He has had many, many titles including **Pastor** of several Churches, Diocesan

Chaplain of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Chaplain of non-Catholic High Schools, **Vocation Director**, and **Spiritual Director** and member of the Board of **Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center** – where he visits the sick, gives the anointing Sacrament, and hears **confessions**.

Besides being **deeply in love** with his vocation from God, **Fr. Asibuo Kusi** is continually sharpening the saw as he recently (2018) obtained a **Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy**! Just one of the fascinating things about **the Diocese of Goaso-Ghana** in West Africa is that it is a very **new Diocese**. Created by **Pope St. John Paul the great** in 1997. **The Diocese of Goaso** was part of the Diocese of Sunyani and still enjoys its first and only Bishop, **the Most Rev. Peter K. Atuahene** – installed February 8th in 1998! **Goaso** has a population of 700,150 – of which 66,822 are **Catholics**. Starting with only 11 parishes and **20 Diocesan priests** – today, the Diocese boasts of its **81 priests**! The Diocese has many schools including: 78 Kindergarten, 82 Basic Schools (Grades 1-6), 43 Junior High Schools, 1 Girls' Senior High School, and **St. Joseph's College of Education**. The Diocese has provided **two hospitals**, two maternity and health centers to complement the Government's efforts in providing **healthcare** for the people, especially in the rural areas. **Bishop Peter** has stated that, *“now with some of the basic infrastructure in place our next step is to speed up pastoral and social activities with emphasis on the youth and children who are our hope for the future.”* That said, the main works of **the Diocese of Goaso** is providing quality **education** and efficient **health care**. Most of the Diocese is in **rural areas** with limited socio-economic infrastructure. This means that some **worship** takes place in open areas with no Church buildings and some schools have leaky roofs. Another danger is that **the fresh water** supply can become **polluted** as a result of the activities of illegal small scale mining, which has become a major problem in Ghana. The people are very dependent on **the Catholic Church** for help. Your **generosity** will go a long way in helping **Fr. Benjamin's Diocese of Goaso**!



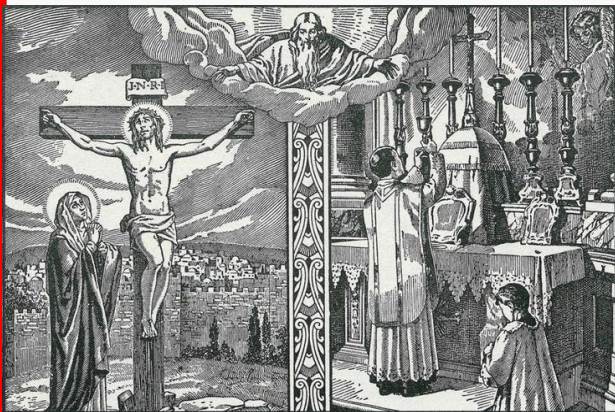
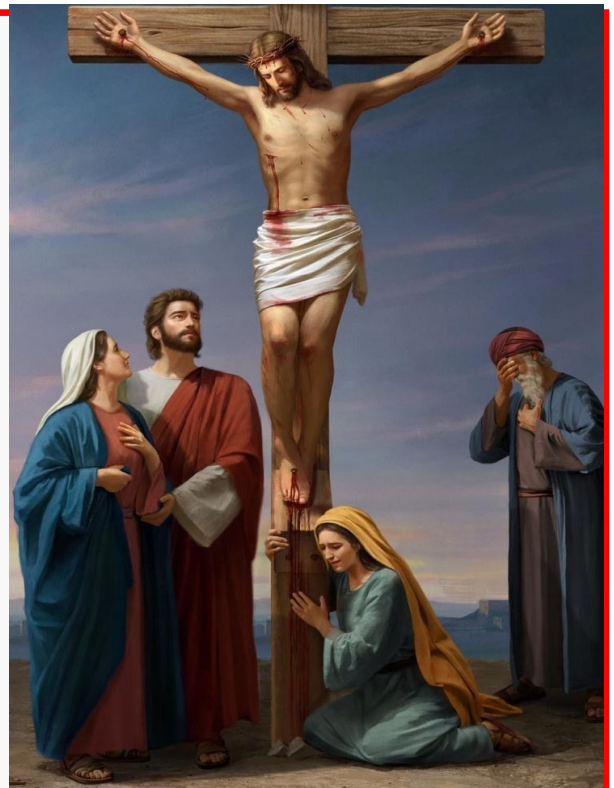
THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

God is Himself the source of every **good thing** that comes to us. For this reason, **St. Vincent Ferrer** thought that we should make some offering back to God. Indeed, from the very beginning, it has been this way – God willed that **all men** should offer **sacrifice**. This is why **Cain** and **Abel** both made an offering (a **sacrifice**) to God. Turns out that **the Mass** is the **sacrifice**, which God the Son makes to His Heavenly Father; and because the Lord is so **intimate** with us – Jesus wants us to participate in the **sacrifice** to God the Father that He makes. And so, **the Mass**, according to **St. Alphonsus Liguori**, the great **Redemptorist**, (the **Redemptorists** are the ones instructed by **the Holy Father** to make **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** known to the world!) – **St. Alphonsus** thought the **sacrifice** of **the Mass** has four

ends! To **honor** God. To **satisfy** our sins (make **reparations**). To thank God for His benefits. And finally: to obtain **Divine Grace**. **The Mass** is the same **sacrifice** that was once offered on **Calvary**, with the difference, that on **Calvary** the **blood** of Jesus Christ was really shed, but on **the altar** it is shed only in a mystical, **unbloody** way! The Son, Jesus, always **honors** His Father

– Jesus is not like the **prodigal son** nor is our Lord like **the older son** – Jesus always does the will of His Father. Since we **sin** every day, Christ is **mystically** offered for us each day – that is why **Fr. Randy** and every other **Catholic priest** must celebrate **the Mass** every day – even on our day-off. The **sacrifice** of **the Mass** is offered to show God that we are grateful for all the gifts He has given us – like **Cain** and **Abel**, we offer some **sacrifice** back to God as a way to thank the Almighty

for giving us our **vocation**. And finally, we obtain **grace** every time we celebrate **the Mass**. **Grace** gives us the strength to live our lives doing the Father's will. As the great **Act of Contrition** of **St. Francis De Sales** says: Lord, reign over me, that my will would only be a reflection of Your will. Thy will be done by me on earth, O Lord and Master, just as Your angels and Saints do Your will in Heaven.



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Saturday, June 7th

(+) Msgr. Donovan & (+) Msgr. Mahowald/ Fr. Randy
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Carlene Schuhler &
(+) Lynn Peterson/ Mark Lauer

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & Josephine Torri/ Charles Torri

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Fran Anderson/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

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

Monday, June 9th Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

(+) Jean Ritola/ Bernie Roemmich

Tuesday, June 10th

(+) Rita Haefner/ George Bauer

Wednesday, June 11th

(+) Thomas Berry/ Brenda McCoy

Thursday, June 12th

(+) Barbara Haub/ Fr. Randy

Friday, June 13th Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

(+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Earl Barnickel

Saturday, June 14th

President Trump & Pope Leo XIV/ Parishioners of OLPH/ SMA/ St. Patrick

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mary Kuebel

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Francis & Kathleen Schmidt/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

Sunday, June 15th Most Holy Trinity

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

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Arthur Shanyfelt & (+) Kathryn Balik/ Jeanne Shanyfelt

Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Rose Marie Cusumano, Ben Pura, Robert & Onelia Mixa, John & Nancy Cicchetti

SMA: Herb Kaelin, Celia Haub, Paula Henkel

St. Patrick: Judy Sharkey, LaVerne Klein, Velma Quest



**Some of the most beautiful Words
you will ever hear!**

God the Father of **mercies** through the death and **resurrection** of His Son has **reconciled** the world to Himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the **forgiveness of sins**. Through the ministry of **the Church** may God grant you pardon and **peace**, and I **absolve** you from your **sins** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“God is always **pouring** Himself out.”

—Bishop Flores