



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

Alright. We're still in the middle of the stories from the trip to Sacramento, so let's keep plowing along.

Thursday, February 22:

I am awake early. Heartburn. Late night tacos before bed were a mistake – see last week's Pastor Note. The third little cup of hot salsa was the kicker. I keep forgetting I'm not a kid anymore. Eh, no matter. Heartburn is a blessing because I am awake early, and I have a busy day ahead of me, so I better start my prayers early if I am going to have the energy to do what must be done.

Mass is at 9 AM so there is no need to rush, St. Paul is only a two-block walk. Today I forget to cross the street before that one house with the three yappy dogs. Oops! I get to St. Paul thirty minutes early, so I start opening the doors. Within a few minutes of being their Sabina arrives. Better put her to work so I can plan a homily. I could ad-lib the homily, but the Mass is in Spanish, so I need to have something ready – even if it is not on paper. I tell Sabina to find today's reading in the lectionary. I then convince her that she should read today since Patty read on Tuesday, and it seemed like the third lady has no interest in reading for Mass. Sabina is happy. She says she is honored to proclaim the reading and starts to practice while I turn on the microphone system in the sacristy. Bingo!

Mass is as usual, except this time there are *FOUR* ladies in the front pews. Three of the same ladies as Tuesday, but a new face who was at the talk last night.

Once Mass is complete, I hurry to my truck. The ladies understand. I need to go to the Valley of the Sacred Heart Middle School retreat at the Pro Ecclesia Sancta house in Vacaville, about 45 minutes away. The theology teacher leading the retreat, Brianne Dela Cruz, texted the night before asking that I get there as soon as I can for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions with the retreatants.

I come to the beautiful house of the Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters in the hills of Vacaville. There are very few houses around but on the green hills are scattered small herds of cows grazing. When I pull up the driveway Sister Adriana Ponce is there to meet me. She greets me warmly and leads me to where I can vest and hear Confessions. There are about twenty middle school children, five high school students as group leaders, and eight young adult leaders (who are essentially leading but are having a retreat themselves). Brianne is giving a talk, so Sister Adriana gives me a tour of her home, tells me the history of her religious order, and introduces me to two other sisters living in the house.

The talk ends, so I am quickly whisked away to the Confessional. I skip lunch (I miss the pizza but sneak a small bag of Cheeto Puffs) in order to fit in all the Confessions. I have no intention of rushing Confessions because the students want to talk, and I'm happy to listen. The students are bright, articulate, and experienced in the sacrament so the conversation is easy and fruitful. Also, there is an image in Confessional that is holding my attention and becomes a muse for fruitful prayer during the sacrament.



After the Confessions with all the middle schoolers, nearly all the high schoolers (a few I had already seen on Tuesday), and all the adult leaders, I lead Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There is beautiful praise and worship. The retreatants sing well. At 3 PM the parents begin coming to pick up their children, and by 4 PM all the retreatants are gone.

The Young Adults look to me wondering if I have anything else to do. They ask if I am hungry, knowing I missed lunch. I have not eaten, however, earlier I found a pizza place in Vacaville that had good reviews. That was my plan until one of the Young Adults says: "Anyone want to go to Beer University?" The temptation to make inappropriate jokes about my pretend alcoholism was strong: "I already have my honorary doctorate from Beer University" or "I spend many hours a day studying at the library at Beer University. I've checked out nearly every book." But I zip my lip. Then the same young man says: "They have deep-fried cheeseburgers." "SOLD!" and I am already walking to my truck.

It is a short drive to Beer University in Vacaville. When the six of us arrive, it is Happy Hour and all the appetizers are half-off. We order too much food, and I – worried the deep-fried cheeseburger might stop my heart – get a regular burger (which was still very good); also, a bonus because it came with waffle fries. Despite the many beer-taps on the wall no one orders drinks. We spend the next three hours laughing and telling stories. The time flies by.

It is nearly 8 PM and I still have a 45-minute drive. Traffic should be fine (even through Davis), although most of the others in the dinner group are ten minutes from home so they are not worried. I thank everyone for their dedication to the mission of Jesus Christ, for their ministry, and their hard work, so I pay the bill, assure of them my prayers, and let them know how they can reach out to me should they need anything. It is a long good-bye in the parking lot.

I prayed earlier in the morning but need to catch up on my prayers (the Liturgy of the Hours) for the rest of the day. I begin with this prayer: "God, let's compromise, I'll say *all* my prayers real fast, and then I can watch YouTube until bed, deal?" I assume he says: "Deal."



MASS INTENTIONS



Requests may be made
at the Parish Center
or Weekend Welcome Center.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
SATURDAY, APR. 13 St. Martin I	8:00am Jun & Cathy Oliveros 5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Pat & Modesta Tanlu+	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-5, 18-19/ Jn 6:16-21
SUNDAY, APR. 14 Bl. Peter Gonzalez	8:00am Gaston & Maria Amaro+ 10:00am The People of SPX 12:00pm Alexis Daniela Ramirez 5:00pm Carlos Gonzalez+	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:32/ Lk 24:35-48
MONDAY, APR. 15 St. Caesar de Bus	7:30am Greg & Grace Lugo	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-30/Mt 4:4b/Jn 6:22-29
TUESDAY, APR. 16 St. Bernadette Soubirous	7:30am Anthony Pires+	Acts 7:51-8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:35/Jn 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 St. Benedict Joseph Labre	7:30am Arvin Madamba	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7a/Jn 6:40/Jn 6:35-40
THURSDAY, APR. 18 Bl. James Oido	7:30am Pat Miller+	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:51/Jn 6:44-51
FRIDAY, APR. 19 St. Gianna Beretta Molla	7:30am Marilou Mandac	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:56/Jn 6:52-59
SATURDAY, APR. 20 St. Conrad of Parzham	8:00am Anselmo Moreno 5:00pm The People of SPX	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:63c, 68c/Jn 6:60-69

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WEEKDAY HOURS

Monday *Closed*
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm
and
1:00pm-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

WEEKEND HOURS

Parish Hall Welcome Center
Saturday & Sunday
Open after all Masses

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ST. JUDE Adoration Chapel
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*Please contact the Parish Center
to sign up for a Holy Hour.*

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm Spanish
5:00pm

DAILY

Monday-Friday 7:30am
Saturday 8:00am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As Announced

*Masses are celebrated in the Church
with overflow in the Parish Hall and Plaza.*

CONFESSOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 3:00pm-4:00pm
OR BY APPOINTMENT

IN THE
BREAKING OF
THE BREAD.

LK 24:35



While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for...

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Carlos Herrera + Natalie Castorena +
 Fernando Tobias + Victor Villegas +
 Victoria Lucero + Blanca Ponce De Leon +
 Raul Romo + Bob McAnelly +

THE INTENTIONS OF:

Maria Bowman
 Will Ceven
 Anita Whelan
 Ron Schubert
 Johnny Soto
 Antonia Montoya

Alexis Ramirez
 Benjamin Custodio
 Paul Laboda
 Ben Rauch
 Ed Ashbaugh

The Unborn
 The Elderly
 Healthcare Workers
 Youth & Young Adults

The Sick
 Law Enforcement
 Clergy & Religious

Prayer Requests

Please make your requests by contacting the Parish Office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

OUR TROOPS:

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Prayers for Our Troops

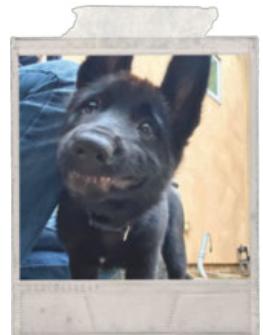
If you have loved ones who are currently deployed, please contact the Parish Office with their name, rank, and branch of the armed forces to have them added to our prayer list. The St. Pius Community takes pride in those that serve and the families that support them. With gratitude, we would like to acknowledge their heroic efforts and sacrificial love throughout the year.



Cocca's Corner

UPDATES & FUN FACTS

1. Cocca is now 24 lbs!
2. Cocca likes to patrol the campus grounds with Fr. Michael.
3. Cocca loves car rides.... but only if she can be in the driver's seat.
4. Cocca excitedly supervises work on the office courtyard, which will provide her with a patch of grass on which to lie.
5. Cocca turned 3 months old on April 4th & celebrated with an ice cream party. She can't get enough of the treat.



We ran Cocca's DNA to see what what breed she truly is.
 Turns out, there are 11 breeds detected in her DNA!



Herding

59% German Shepherd Dog
 3% Border Collie
 1% Collie
 1% Calupoh

Asian and Oceanian

11% Siberian Husky
 10% Chow Chow
 2% Samoyed

Guard

7% American Pit Bull Terrier
 2% Rottweiler

Sporting

3% Golden Retriever

Terrier

1% Chihuahua

JOYFUL FRIENDS

FAITH AND LIGHT *Fiesta!*

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 | 2:30PM-4:30PM
PARISH HALL

All Are Welcome!

Faith and Light brings together children, adolescents, and adults with intellectual disabilities, along with their family and friends. They meet once per month for a gathering of friendship, fiesta, and prayer.

Faith and Light opens up a path of friendship and commitment with persons with disabilities, whereby we discover in the other the presence of the risen Jesus. The ministry gives parents support in their difficulties, and helps them to better recognize the inner beauty of their child



For more information or to learn how to join,
either in-person or via Zoom,
email Michael Brault at mbrault54@gmail.com

MEN'S MINISTRY

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) MEN'S MINISTRY

SATURDAYS | 6:30AM - 7:45AM
PARISH HALL

(Next Meeting Date: APRIL 20)



Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God, to become a better husband, a more loving father, build friendships with other like-minded men, and to be the best man you can be?

We invite you to join That Man Is You!

All men of the parish with a desire for Catholic-focused spiritual and personal growth in their relationship with God and with others are invited to come together every Saturday morning.



Scan QR Code to sign up or contact:
Ron Schubert | (619) 672-1063
Mike Brault | (619) 548-3190

"INTO THE BREACH"

3rd MONDAYS of the Month | 7:00PM

ST. IGNATIUS ROOM

(Next Meeting Date: APRIL 15)



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MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

8:00AM-2:00PM

UPPER PARKING LOT



Won't you please consider giving
the gift of life?

MONTHLY SENIOR MINISTRY GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

10:00AM-1:00PM | PARISH HALL

Join us for our April Senior Ministry Gathering as Master Gardener, Sharon Reeve, shares all about the need and importance of bees.

Potluck to follow after.
Please bring a side to share.



**There will be no Monthly Senior Ministry Gathering in May.*

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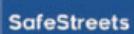
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CALENDAR OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS

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SUN**MASS/MISA**

Church | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spn.), 5:00pm

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Francis Room | 10:00am and 12:00pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Hall | 6:30pm-8:00pm

**NIGHTLY NOVENA***

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

All are invited for nightly prayer, with a Novena to a different saint beginning every 9 days.

Scan the QR code for the Zoom link -->

15
MON**MASS**

Church | 7:30am

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Upper Parking Lot | 6:00pm-7:00pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

INTO THE BREACH

Parish Hall | 7:00pm-8:15pm

16
TUE**MASS**

Church | 7:30am

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION**

Church | 8:00am-8:15am

Scan the QR code

to view the Devotion -->

**GRUPO DE ORACION**

St. Ignatius Room | 9:30am-11:30am

SENIOR FITNESS

Parish Hall | 10:00am-11:00am

CHILD FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-5

Parish Hall & St. Ignatius Room | 4:30pm-6:00pm

FAMILY CATECHESIS (BILINGUAL/SPANISH)

Church | 4:30pm-5:30pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

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WED**MASS**

Church | 7:30am

SENIOR MINISTRY MONTHLY MEETING

Parish Hall | 10:00am-1:00pm

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR GROUP

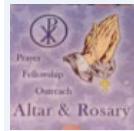
St. Jude Adoration Chapel | 5:00pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

GRUPO MISIONERO MEETING

St. Ignatius Room | 7:00pm-8:00pm

17
WED
(cont.)**ALTAR AND ROSARY (A&R) SOCIETY****Virtual Rosary**

Zoom | 7:00pm-8:00pm

Contact Mary Mattison: mmattison@cox.net

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THU**MASS**

Church | 7:30am

SENIOR FITNESS

Parish Hall | 10:00am-11:00am

CHILD FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-5**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-8**

Parish Hall & St. Ignatius Room | 4:30pm-6:00pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

19
FRI**MASS**

Church | 7:30am

ART CLASS HOMESCHOOL

St. Ignatius Room | 12:30pm-2:30pm

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY WITH LITANY

Church | 3:00pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

20
SAT**THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)**

Parish Hall | 6:30am-8:00am

MASS

Church | 8:00am

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Upper Parking Lot | 1:00pm-2:00pm

CONFESIONS

Church | 3:00pm

MASS

Church | 5:00pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

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SUN**BLOOD BANK DRIVE**

Upper Parking Lot | 8:00am-2:00pm

MASS/MISA

Church | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spn.), 5:00pm

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Francis Room | 10:00am and 12:00pm

JOYFUL FRIENDS - FAITH & LIGHT FIESTA

Parish Hall | 2:30pm-4:30pm

NIGHTLY NOVENA*

Zoom | 6:00pm-7:00pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Parish Hall | 6:30pm-8:00pm