MASSES FOR THE WEEK

JAN 16  ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS
4:00 p.m.  The Bognar & Gauthier Families by Family; also, The Shanor Family by the Jaskowiak Family

JAN 17  SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 a.m.  Sharon D. Bujak by Gordon, Bonnie & Sarah Pleuthner; also, Intentions of Molly Devine by Mary Beth
8:30 a.m.  Mothers Day Intentions

JAN 18  MONDAY (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins. Parish office will be closed.)
8:30 a.m.  Mothers Day Intentions

JAN 19  TUESDAY (Weekday)
8:30 a.m.  All Parishioners Intentions

JAN 20  WEDNESDAY (St. Fabian & St. Sebastian)
8:30 a.m.  John F. & Mary A. Finster by Estate

JAN 21  THURSDAY (St. Agnes)
8:30 a.m.  All Parishioners Intentions

JAN 22  FRIDAY (St. Vincent)
8:30 a.m.  For legal protection of unborn children

JAN 23  ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS
4:00 p.m.  Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society; also, Mack O’Heir by Altar & Rosary Society

JAN 24  THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 a.m.  The Shanor Family by the Jaskowiak Family

VOCATION
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 17, 2021. The First Reading is the perfect Vocation Story. Is it the Lord who is calling you in the night? Will you answer “Speak Lord, Your servant is listening”? If God is calling you to the commitment of being a priest, or a religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

OFFERTORY FOR JANUARY 9th and 10th
Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated to the collection last weekend and to all those who support the parish.

- Regular $1567.00
- Holy Day/Fuel/Funeral $175.00
- Altar Rosary Donation $600.00

DAILY DRAW TICKETS
Please consider purchasing Daily Draw tickets for a chance to win cash prizes. Tickets are available for the month of FEBRUARY and can be purchased in the Parish Center office for $5 per ticket each month. The winning tickets are tied to the daily NY NUMBERS drawn in the evening. For the weeks of 12/28–01/10: total # of winners 18, $450 total payout. Please consider becoming a captain to sell tickets for the Daily Draw on a monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Center office at 875-8183 for more info. Thank you!

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY
The next All Saints Altar & Rosary Society Mass is Saturday, January 23rd at 4:00 p.m. preceded by a rosary recital at 3:35 p.m. The next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the old school. New members and guests are encouraged and welcomed to attend. Please make every effort to join us as we start the new year. Thank you.
Reflection

Hardening of the Heart

As a Catholic and Christian leader on the border, I am often called to be a doctor of the soul. Standing here at the US-Mexico border, how do we begin to diagnose the soul of our country?

A government and society which view fleeing children and families as threats; a government which treats children in US custody worse than animals; a government and society who turn their backs on pregnant mothers, babies, and families and make them wait in Ciudad Juarez without a thought to the crushing consequences on this challenged city… This government and this society are not well. We suffer from a life-threatening case of hardening of the heart.

In a day when we prefer to think that prejudice and intolerance are problems of the past, we have found a new acceptable group to treat as less than human, to look down upon and to fear. And should they speak another language or be black or brown…well, it is that much easier to stigmatize them. Why can’t we put ourselves in their shoes? Because we have decided they are not our neighbors, we have decided that they are aliens and illegals. We think these parents simply have no right to save their children from violence or malnutrition. They have no right to a job or to support their families. They have no right to reunite with family.

For this heart-sick government and society, these people should have stayed home, given into hopelessness and watched helplessly as their children suffer. Would we rather they die on the banks of the Rio Grande than trouble us with their presence?

But we have not suffered the mistreatment meted out to them by those who represent our country. We haven’t really felt their hunger and cold. And it is not our children who will be denied food, water, and tenderness tonight.

We Americans need our hearts checked. Our hearts have grown too cold and too hard and that bodes ill for the health of our nation.

In the America of today, is there no more Golden Rule? Have we forgotten the lessons of Scripture? Have we forgotten the commandment to love? Have we forgotten God?

But here on the border, God knocks. In the struggle for hope and freedom and family, he knocks. In our neighbors here today, he knocks. He knocks. He knocks. He knocks.

Bishop Mark J. Seitz - bishop of El Paso, Texas