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### FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The book of Isaiah in four different places speaks of a mysterious servant of God. This servant is sent to do great and marvelous things that touch the entire world. Christians have traditionally thought of Jesus as the fulfillment of these passages.

For the next several Sundays our second reading will be taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Today's reading presents the opening words of that letter. It is an example of the salutation used in classical letter writing: Paul identifies himself, acknowledges the community to whom he is writing, and extends warm personal greetings.

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The following information is a continuation of my last week's bulletin article about the Sacrament of Baptism. The purpose of this article is to hopefully help parents in choosing a godparent for their child as well as help those who are being asked to be a godparent to know what is expected of them before they agree to embrace this very significant role.

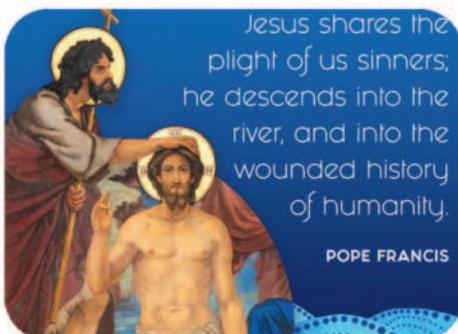
**Selecting a godparent or sponsor:** The duties of godparents are much more than just ceremonial. The principal responsibility of a godparent is to give witness to the Catholic faith by his or her words and actions, thus parents need to find practicing Catholics to faithfully serve in their role as godparents. As noted in the Code of Canon Law, "insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it" (Canon 872). **In selecting godparents, the Catholic Church requires:**

- A godparent must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation themselves;
- A godparent or sponsor must be at least 16 years of age;
- A godparent must be living a life consistent with faith and morals as taught by the Catholic Church;



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church  
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.  
Benediction at 5:45 pm.



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- A godparent should be a registered, active Catholic in their parish church. A non-Catholic, baptized Christian should also be a registered, active member of their Christian faith community.
- Preferably there are two practicing Catholic godparents, however, minimally, there must be one Catholic godparent; a non-Catholic, baptized Christian may be chosen as a Christian Witness.

If this is your first child, both parents are required to participate in our Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism of your child. This Session is also recommended for any godparent who has not previously participated in a Baptismal Preparation Session.

Hopefully, you have found this information helpful in your discernment regarding your readiness to accept the awesome role and responsibility of baptismal godparent. Next week I'd like to remind everyone and share why it is so important for Baptismal Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors to be registered in a parish.

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As I have been visiting other parishes in and around our area as well as in other states here in the United States, I have been noticing something that I first thought was different but then began to realize how practical it was. What I am referring to is QR codes that were fastened to each pew in many churches that quickly enabled anyone with a smart phone or I-pad to pull up on their devices a direct and secure way to offer their financial support to their parish. I tried it and was amazed how easy it was to make a contribution using their QR code.

For this reason, I have been wanting this modern technology to be available here at our Queen of Peace parishes. We are finally getting there. Currently the pews at the far-left side of St. Eugene Church have the QR code labels affixed. Soon all the pews at both St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church will have them in place.

This QR code will enable you to offer your support to our parish through the regular Sunday and Holy Day Collections as well as all our Second Collections via your smartphone. By using this code, you will be taken to Give Central, the company we use for our on-line giving and support. Many thanks to Marsha, our parish Office Manager for creating the code and to our Operation Director, Lisa, for getting it out for public use, and to Romulo our Maintenance Engineer, for getting them installed.

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This past Monday the Church transitioned from the Christmas Season into a short 5 ½ week period called Ordinary Time before the start of the Lenten Season that begins on February 18<sup>th</sup> this year with Ash Wednesday. May these days and weeks be opportunities for each of us to grow more deeply in our faith and relationship with Christ and with one another. Have a great week ahead everyone!

Also, I would like to sincerely thank that those in our parish who so kindly and generously remembered your parish priests this Christmas with your thoughtful cards and supportive and heartfelt messages, gifts, and homemade treats. Please know that we are truly grateful for your kindness.

*Fr. Rich Yanos*