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## FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In our first reading, the book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to Mount Sinai some 1200 years before Christ. In today's passage, the stage is set for the Old Testament's most dramatic encounter between God and the chosen people.

The theme of today's section from Paul's letter to the Romans is the great theological question of how sinners can be united with God who is all holy. Paul presents the Christian answer to this question.

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Father's Day is next weekend. Here in our country we set aside this special day to remember and celebrate these special men in each of our lives who, with our mothers, have been instrumental in not only bringing each of us into this world, but have also helped to provide a loving home and a strong male role model that is much needed in today's society. We honor these men who have cared, nurtured, fed, and even sacrificed for us because of their deep paternal love for us.

Whether living or deceased, hopefully a prayer of thanksgiving will be said for your dad. If you might wish to have your father remembered in a special way at all of our Father's Day Masses, as well as having his name on our altar throughout the year, you can do so by writing in your father's names on the special Father's Day envelope provided in your packet this month. They can be placed in the collection basket with your contribution this week or next and their names will be added to the memorial page(s) that will be included in our parish bulletin as well as placed on our altar for an entire year.

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This coming week, June 15-18th, Fr. Jacek, Fr. Robert and I will be away participating in our archdiocesan priest convocation which is being held at the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This is an opportunity for all the priests of the archdiocese to come together and renew our commitment to serving the people of our parishes, to recharge our



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church  
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.  
Benediction at 5:45 pm.  
**No adoration on Monday, 05/25/26.**

## CHURCH ETIQUETTE

In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.

spiritual batteries, to re-connect with one another, to hear some thought-provoking presentations, and to just enjoy being together. There is great value in that. Fr. Greg Rom has generously agreed to stay back and take care of the celebration of the Masses and other parish needs while we are away. I am very grateful to him for that. Thank you Fr. Greg! I ask that you keep all of your parish priests in your prayers that we may come back to you refreshed and rejuvenated in spirit.

Also, next Sunday, Father's Day, I will be leading a group of 42 on a pilgrimage to Poland. This will be quite an extensive visit to this beautiful country. Our tour will encompass 10 days that will begin in northern Poland with a visit to the port city of Gdansk and continue with visits to: Malbork, Torun, Warsaw, Lazienki Palace, Czestochowa and the Shrine of the Black Madonna in the Monastery of Jasna Gora, Krakow, Wawel Castle, the old Market Square, the Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Church with its magnificent high altar by Veit Stoss.

We will also be visiting one of my favorite places...the Wieliczka Salt Mines which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will also visit the Convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Lagiewniki, where St. Faustina lived and is buried and is the home of the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy.

Our travels will also take us to Auschwitz, site of the notorious Nazi concentration camp and then to Wadowice, to visit the Basilica where St. John Paul II was baptized, and the museum to his memory, which is where he was born in 1920. Finally, our excursions will take us to the Tatra Mountains as we drive to the southern border of Slovakia.

We will ride the traditional rafts along the Dunajec River through the Pieniny Gorge, before visiting the famous ski resort of Zakopane. Here we will also visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, which was commissioned by St. John Paul II. We will also be taking the Gubalowka funicular train for even greater views of the town. These trips are always great experiences that I hope to share with many more of our parishioners. Please keep us all in your prayers while we are away because you are always remembered by us as we celebrate our masses along the way.

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Finally, for those who have been asking when and where our next trip will be so you can save the dates in your calendars, it will be May 2 - 13, 2027 and we'll be taking a truly extensive tour of the beautiful country of Ireland! So, if you might be interested, mark those dates in your calendars.

More information will be coming soon, and brochures will also be available. If you would like to get on my mailing list for this and future trips just drop me a note at the office, or drop it in the collection basket or send me a note letting me know of your interest in this trip with your name, address, phone and email address and I'll be sure to get you the brochure as soon as they are available. I can promise you a really fantastic and enjoyable time.

Have a great week ahead everyone!

*Fr. Rich Yanos*