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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 13th, 2020

Dear friends:

As you know, I have been asking every family to take at least an hour per week of Adoration (prayer before the Holy Eucharist in church). Every day we have the privilege of visiting our Lord who is present in our parish church. Recently that privilege expanded to include Adoration daily from 6am to 9pm. The response of our parishioners and friends has been outstanding as we have maintained an almost perfect record of attendance. The response of the Lord has been even greater.

Many stories that have been related to me about beautiful graces flowing into the prayer, hearts and lives of those who come to adoration. The stories range from the remarkable to most consoling. The good Lord is never outdone in generosity. That is why the call to Adoration is not a call to help out the parish, but a call to come receive from the Lord Himself.

As schedules change with the opening of school, etc. we have had a rash of vacancies on the Adoration schedule. (see the next column) If your family is not officially on the schedule, please find a time that fits your weekly schedule and let us know – you are IN! Jesus is patiently waiting for your family to discover the wonders of His Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

The month of September has several Marian feast days: Holy Mary’s birthday, the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary and the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (15th). There is also the great feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross (14th).

The Solemnity of the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel is this month! So, September 29th is our patronal feast day. In the past few years, we have had a parish picnic in the hall to celebrate our parish and mission and the loving guidance and protection offered by St. Michael. Those were always fun events for community building.

This year since our Parish Dinner could not be held in June, we are celebrating our Parish Feast Day with the annual fundraising dinner. I want to thank all of you who have been so instrumental in coordinating this event. Those who have volunteered to help with the dinner are much appreciated! We are going to have a lot of fun with our curbside hospitality.

Christ our triumphant King, reign over us!
Fr. Martín Flum

Parish Seafood Dinner

Noon – 4pm Saturday, September 26th, 2020

Curbside pick-up - no dining in – you can pre-order on our website or leave an order form in the collection basket. The main area of the hall will be a work area for assembly of the dinners. And there will be **CRAB CAKES!!!** The Bake Sale table will be outdoors and the raffle tickets will be available when you order your dinner. We will also be auctioning off dinner prepared by and shared with our pastor, Fr. Flum, on a date TBD! Our raffle will include a 50/50 and a hand-painted glass window (still in production)!



Good Friday in September Collection This Weekend



This weekend, Sept. 12-13, at the request of Pope Francis, parishes will officially be taking up the 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Due to the closing of masses during Holy Week, the official collection was rescheduled to this weekend to September. Thank you.

**“Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.”**
(Psalm 103:1)

*The parish and mission are being called to become **centers of Eucharistic love**. Committed adorers are needed:*

Mondays: 12-1 PM, 2-3 PM

Thursdays: 11 AM-12 PM, 5-6 PM

Fridays: 11 AM- 12 PM, 2-3 PM

Saturdays: 2-3 PM, 6-7 PM

Sundays: 4-5 PM, 8-9 PM

Once you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office at (240) 681-3551. *Your guardian angel will rejoice!*

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – September 6, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 5720.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1368.00

Clothes Closet Update #1

Thank you to all who have been so diligently providing the closet with your new and gently used clothing and shoes! The Clothing Closet has not been open for several months and we have an overabundance of items with no clients to visit and help reduce the inventory. We are asking if you would please continue to collect items but store them at home until we have time to sort, categorize and hang the huge inventory we currently have on hand. You have been more than generous and the mountains of clothing we are dealing with prove that!!

Clothes Closet Update #2

Do you need some items to get you through the rest of the warm weather? Flipflops? T-shirts? Polo shirts? Shorts or Capris? We've got em'and will be available to offer them to you, free of charge as always. If you were not able to come on last Saturday, call Cheryl at 240-304-9351 and we'll make arrangements to meet you at the closet. Please wear a mask and we will greet you with our masks on too!

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Ann Clifford, Greg Connick, Leah Danielson, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixson, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, and Belinda Windsor. Lord, heal us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	09/12/20	5:00 PM	Ruth Alice Richards +
Sunday	09/13/20	8:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	09/13/20	10:00 AM	Ruth Alice Richards +
Sunday	09/13/20	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	09/14/20	7:00 AM	Joshua & Katie Coffin
Tuesday	09/15/20	8:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Wednesday	09/16/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	09/17/20	8:00 AM	Cathy Bloom +
Friday	09/18/20	7:00 AM	Shirley & Roland Provencher
Saturday	09/19/20	8:00 AM	Fr. Flum's Intentions

Little Bethlehem Christian Group

Little Bethlehem Christian Group represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, and make their living as wood carvers. Next weekend, Sept. 18-19th after all Saturday and Sunday masses, this group represented by the Alshouri family will display a collection of hand carved olivewood religious items. The profit made from the sale of these items goes to support Christians in the land of Christ.



Adult Education Classes – Sept. 29

Are you or is someone you know interested in Catholicism? RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin September 29 at 6:30pm in the church hall. Even if you are not already decided about converting/returning to Catholicism, we encourage you to come. There is no pressure on those who attend; this is simply a chance to get more information about what it truly means to "be Catholic" and what we actually believe. Call the Parish Office (240)681-3551 to let us know you would like to participate, and/or for more information.



Sadly, our culture often pits a mother *against* her children, portraying a false "either/or" choice between her children and her dreams. Inaccurate messages spread the idea that a woman's life is "over" once she becomes a mother.

But we know that countless young mothers have become unexpectedly pregnant and have continued to pursue education. And arguably, they do so not in spite of their children, but *because of their children*. Even if things don't go exactly according to plan—timelines may shift, and dreams may change—the twists and turns can bring unexpected joy, purpose, and growth.

In *The Gospel of Life*, Pope St. John Paul II commends "brave mothers... who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to [their children] the best of themselves" (EV 86). As members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to help mothers do just that. And there are simple ways we can help mothers who desire to pursue educational achievements.

We can offer to babysit or do the grocery shopping, so a mom has time to attend an evening class or study for an exam. We can advocate for colleges and universities to provide flexibility for parenting students. We can do these and so many other things. Most importantly, we can pray for mothers to be given the grace and the support they need, and for the wisdom to know how we can help.

