



Whoever gives only a cup
of cold water to one of these
little ones to drink because
the little one is a disciple —
amen, I say to you,
he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

June 28, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Blessing of Peace & Joy
As you continue on your life's journey
Congratulations on Your Retirement



Reverend Anthony L. Markus
Pastor-St. Pius X Catholic Church

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 28, 2020

A double portion of prophecy

If we understand the story correctly, Elijah and Elisha were the greatest prophets of Hebrew history, and Elisha inherited a double portion of what his master had, which makes him the number-one prophet of Old Testament times. As if to prove the point, the Second Book of Kings records twice as many miraculous and prophetic acts by Elisha as Elijah had performed. When we peruse the list—floating ax heads, multiplied loaves, the redemption of poisoned stew, one child raised from the dead while others are mauled by bears—we are forced to consider that not all miracles are created equal. But when it comes to the deliverance of oracles in particular, we acknowledge a remarkable similarity. The death of a king is prophesied, and the man dutifully meets his end. Another man is destined to rise, and he takes his place on the throne in due time. Kingdoms are won and battles are lost on a word from the prophet.

We might ask the question: Is it the word of the prophet—understood to be the efficacious word of the Lord—that makes these things come true? Or does the prophet simply tell what is to come, a future that would have come into being even if it had not been spoken into the world beforehand? In other words, is the power of the prophet in promoting or predicting a certain reality?

The prophet's reward

Jesus taught his disciples that to receive a prophet is as good as receiving what a prophet inherits—the person and the gift are inseparable. Clearing space for prophecy to inhabit our lives as the Shunemite woman did allows us to participate in the gift of prophecy as much as if we became prophets ourselves. What is not said is that aligning ourselves with prophets means we might also share in the destiny of prophets, which is often to be persecuted and put to death for speaking unpopular truths. No one said the truth was easy to live with. Jesus, who calls himself the Truth, is predictably a challenging housemate.

But beyond the threat of death, prophets bring with them the hope of life where it has seemed impossible, as the Shunemite woman discovers. Life from barrenness, life restored even after death has claimed it, is reliable territory for those who wield the word of God. This is why Paul has no hesitation in suggesting that we are baptized into the death of Christ—and that such a sacramental share in death will enable us to live in newness of life. Dying with Christ is the surest route to a release from the power of death altogether. Not everyone is going to accept this word, of course. And without acceptance, prophetic words like these may not bear their reality home to us. (Taken from PREPARE THE WORD)

Love,
Father Tony

Applying the word

Amen, let us not lose this reward!

Churchgoers have one huge advantage over those who spend Sunday morning at home with the weekend paper. We hear the efficacious word of God proclaimed reliably to us many times over, in the three readings of the Liturgy of the Word, not to mention the psalm we chant responsively and the scripture-based hymns we may sing together throughout the Mass. We have the Word made flesh delivered into our hands in the Eucharist, and we swallow this same Word from the cup poured out for our sake. Over and over for an hour, the Word that changes everything comes into our midst and is offered to us. We can depart each celebration with new possibilities if we embrace the Word as true for us.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worth of me.” (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness.” “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!





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Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Brian Przyzycki req. Tom Sheehy & Family
- † Deacon Marvin Kocar req. Ashley Ramaglia
- † Frank Frencl req. Ron & Chris Czerwinski
- 10:30 † Phyllis Confalone req. Ron & Cathy Getz
- † Patrick Kilmartin req. Dore Gembala
- † Robert Czerwinski, loving Father req. Ron & Chris
- † Anthony Frencl, Father and Godson req. Ron & Chris

Monday, June 29, Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

- 8:00 † Kathy Smeltzer req. Family
- † Paddy Manning req. Sister Margaret

Tuesday, June 30, Weekday

- 8:00 † Poor Souls
- † Diana & Bob Jones

Wednesday, July 1, Weekday

- 8:00 — Michael & Charity Pena, 4th Wedding Anniversary req. Mom & Dad

Thursday, July 2, Weekday

- 8:00 — Intentions of St. Pius X Parishioners

Friday, July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle, First Friday

- 8:00 Closed

Saturday, July 4, Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, USA Independence Day,

- 4:00 † Raymond Zubavitch, Jr. req. Family

Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Lillian Houdock req. Diane Houdock
- † Edgar Huezo req. Family
- † Brian Przyzycki req. Tom Sheehy & Mom
- † Deacon Marvin Kocar req. Ava Ramaglia
- † Elsie Konoff req. Mary Ann
- 10:30 † Francisco & Paolo Scalici req. Vito & Tania Griseta
- † Letty Goncena req. Evelyn Pena

Remember your loved one, living or deceased with a Mass Intention. Mass cards are available. The usual donation is \$10. Schedule your intentions by calling the parish office: (708) 484-7951.

We ask a two week notice for the intention to appear in the bulletin.

One Million Hail Mary Challenge

Let us all pray the Hail Mary for the protection from the COVID-19 pandemic especially for those in Healthcare, First Responders, Food Service and other job essential workers. Pray for those affected by COVID-19 or facing quarantine and those who have died. Pray for our family and friends for our health and safety.

Together we can pray 1,000,000 Hail Marys.

Send in your count to Michelle Brown at stmariamarys@gmail.com

to be added to the challenge. Please keep praying!



CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Sunday envelopes (70).....\$2,815.00
 Loose Money.....297.00
TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$3,112.00

MyEoffering.....\$654.70

Family Assistance Program.....\$145.00

Thank you for your continued support and welcome back to those who are able to attend Mass. All precautions have been taken to ensure your safety. All guidelines have been followed for your protection.

Your contributions may be mailed or dropped in the parish mailbox which is checked daily.

Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking for forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving.
 Pope Francis

GOD'S PEOPLE

Pray for our sick and their families:

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| Fr. Tony Markus | Peg Kocar |
| Feliksa Barabasz | Neftali Rodriguez |
| Heather Stahulak | Ada Estrella |
| Gino Catania | Paul Sacharczyk |
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| Ron Czerwinski | Marilyn Nowicki |
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| Gabriel Meier | Baby Benjamin Tabor |
| Joseph Tumpich | Margaret Failla |
| Jesse Ramos | Fred & Marianne Schimel |
| Rosie Fanelli | Irene Kryziak |
| Lorraine Schaaff | Christine Rontos |
| John Gacek | Joseph Slechta |
| Matthew Lick | Pauline Lindo |
| Gael Dwyer | Bernadette Shannon |



Our Lady has said: One day through the power of the Rosary I will save the world and there will be peace.

Please join us each morning at 7:30 am in church to pray for peace and your intentions as well. All are welcome

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

- The woman of Shunem showed hospitality to the holy man, the prophet, Elisha. How do you show hospitality in your life and ministry?
- Saint Paul speaks of how Baptism joins us to Christ's death as well as his Resurrection. Where have you had to "die" in order to receive new life?
- "Whoever loves father or mother... Son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." When have you put other things ahead of Christ? Do you think it's true that putting your relationship with God first will strengthen and improve the quality of all your other relationships?

THE HEALING POWER OF COMPASSION

Jesus healed in ways we consider miraculous, not because he had anything to prove about his power, but because his compassion urged him to alleviate suffering in whatever ways he could. His teaching and his healing went hand in hand: Both were focused on bringing us to wholeness. When he calls the paralytic man his son or child, it displays a mark of the tenderness he feels for all of us. Jesus draws us close in a healing embrace. Accept his healing today. Today's readings: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 (308) "*Courage child, your sins are forgiven.*" Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com



HOLINESS INVOLVES DYING A LITTLE EACH DAY

Memorial of the first martyrs of the church of Rome-June 30

Tertullian, one of the first Christian theologians, wrote: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The church's first martyrs are commemorated a day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul--Who tradition says were also victims of Nero's slaughter, beginning in 64. And martyrs aren't meant to be just a memory but also a model. Look no further than first responder's and essential workers to see modern examples of those following the model of self-sacrifice for the sake of others. Offer a sign of gratitude for their service. Today's readings: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11; Matthew 8:23-27 (378) "*Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?*" Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com



Private Issue...Government Should Not Interfere

Many pro-choice people believe that abortion does not belong in the realm of government and is a "woman's private issue". This raises a fundamental question.

Should we, as a nation, protect all human beings, or should we discriminate based on age, race and place of residence---in this case, the mother's womb.

To say that government should let people make all their own choices is neither practical nor desirable. We should not, for example, let people commit rape, steal or drive drunk.

Given the biological fact that the unborn are living human beings, the question is not whether the government has the right to prohibit abortion, but whether it has the right not to. The pertinent question is not whether a woman has a right to privacy, but whether her right to privacy supersedes her innocent child's right to life.

--That all pregnant women may realize that they carry with them God's special gift of new life, we pray.

SUNDAY MASS, 10:30 AM LIVE STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPiusXStickney>

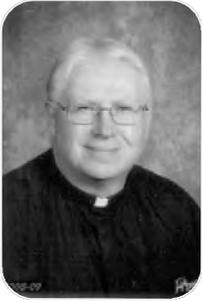
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER



My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Renew My Church Grouping Parishes

- Saint Mary 126 Herrick Rd., Riverside**
Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 10:00, 11:30am, 5:00pm Mon—Wed. Sat 8:15am, Communion Service: Th-F 8:15 am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00-4:30pm
- Mater Christi 2401 S. Tenth Ave., North Riverside**
Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Mon-Sat 8:00am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:40pm
- St. Hugh 7939 West 43rd Street Lyons**
Sat. 4:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am , 1:30 pm Mon-Sat 10:30am Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass



Dear Parishioners,
In just two days my tenure at St. Pius X will end. It's hard to believe that ten years ago I became your Pastor. During that time we have had a lot of good things and sad things happen to all of us. I hope that when you and your family were going through difficult times you were able to find some comfort here at St. Pius X parish.

We may not be like other churches that have an abundance of money and are able to hire full time staff and specialized staff, however, we have tried to do our best with what we have. We have been blessed with generous and supportive staff, ministry volunteers and parish members and friends.

I will cherish the times we have worked and prayed together. Please pray for me as I will pray for you and your loved ones. I'm sorry we cannot share time together to express our good byes and thanks. We continue to pray for an end to the Corona virus pandemic and for all who are affected by it.

Thank you for your cards, gifts and well wishes.

Love,

Fr. Tony

Welcome—St. Pius X Administrator/ Sacramental Priest

On July 1st *Fr. Thomas May*, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Riverside will become the *Administrator* of St. Pius X Parish. *Fr. Ricardo Castillo* will become the *Sacramental Priest* of St. Pius X Parish. These temporary assignments will end once we complete the Renew My Church Process.

Let us pray for our parish as we move into the Renew My Church process and let us welcome Fr. Thomas May and Fr. Ricardo Castillo.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Pius X in Stickney, are called and empowered by the Spirit to continue the mission and the ministry of Jesus in the world today. With the gifts God has given each one of us, we strive to reach out in faith to the needs of our sisters and brothers in our parish, in our community and in our world.



REOPENING MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday—Confessions—3:15 p.m.
(No reservation needed.)

Saturday— 4:00 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Reservations required:

Call the parish office Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.-Noon —708-484-7951 or

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday—8:00 a.m.

(No reservation needed.)

A facemask is required when entering the church. If you are not feeling well please stay home.

Not ready to return to church: visit our Website:

www.stpiusxstickney.org

and connect to our live streamed Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. on our Facebook page or go directly

<https://www.facebook.com/StPiusXStickney>.

A CALL TO PRAYER

What we offer: A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

312.741.3388 praywithme@calledtoprayer.org



The flag now flying is in memory of SSgt. Charles Babinec & PFC Joseph Mikel and the service men and women who served our country.

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Please note: Information is confidential, it is never given out.



Feeding the Community

We are in the process of restocking our pantry shelves. We are in need of :

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You may drop off your donation in the church narthex Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. or before any of the weekend Masses.

Thank you for your continued support and generous contributions during these trying times.

May God Bless you for sharing your gifts with those in need.

For information or assistance, call the parish office:

708-484-7951.

St. Pius X Family Assistance Ministry

Pastor

Rev. Anthony L. Markus

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REOPENING

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays-4:00 p.m.

Sundays- 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY MASS, 10:30 AM

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WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday of the month at 12 Noon. Parent preparation session required. Please call beforehand.

Marriages:

Please consult parish Priest or Deacon at least 6 months in advance of wedding date.

Registration:

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Bulletin Deadline: - Thursday

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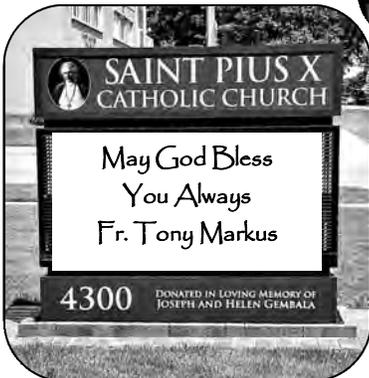
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Congratulations On Your Retirement

*Reverend Anthony L. Markus
Pastor-St. Pius X Catholic Church
2010-2020*



Thanks for making a difference—you can be sure all you have done has been noticed by God and appreciated by us.



Dear Heavenly Father,
We come to you in thankfulness for the many years of service Fr. Tony has given to us. We thank you for the long term contributions he has made in the execution of his vocation as a parish priest.
We pray your continued blessings on him during this next phase of his life. May your Presence be with him as he travels new paths and explores new horizons.
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