

January 14, 2024

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Sunday the Church celebrates the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are reminded by the Scriptural readings within Mass that it is through baptism that we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. We may ask ourselves: “How well do we listen to his voice?” “How willing are we to do God’s will?”

These questions are at the core of Christian discipleship which include ongoing prayer and constant evangelization. One of the greatest scandals in Christianity is our lack of unity. This is why the Catholic Church strives for unity among fellow baptized who are not in communion with the Bishop of Rome and the rest of the bishops in communion with the Pope. The effort is what is called “ecumenism.” For this reason, this week we will have the beginning of the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”, beginning on Thursday, January 18th. Just to be clear, ecumenism is always includes the Catholic Church in dialogue with other Christians. The closest Churches in relation to the Catholic Church are the Orthodox Churches who bishops are considered authentic successors to the Apostles (as the Catholic bishops) and split unity at the end of the 1st Millenial of Christianity. Their closeness with the Catholic Church is proximate that we have no problem in distributing the sacraments to members of the Orthodox Churches, including Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

May we take time this week to pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world and may we always live our baptismal

commitment with a filial trust in God our Heavenly Father. May the Eucharist be a source of unity and not of division and may our Lady, who was present at Pentecost, become a maternal support for all those who consider themselves “beloved disciples” of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Collections for January 7, 2024

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,407.00
Loose	\$ 571.13
Candles	\$ 56.00
Catholic Charities (Christmas)	\$ 20.00
Rel. Education (CCD)	\$ 78.00
Building Repair	\$ 260.00
Latin America	\$ 30.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 3,422.13</u>
 <u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,987.00
Repair Fund	\$ 300.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 15.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 3,413.00</u>

Second Sunday in Ordinary Times

Mass Intentions

January 13th St. Hiliary (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Carolyn Hinen

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

January 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sun.)

8 a.m. † Marlin & Dee Densel

10:30 a.m. † Parishioners

2:00 p.m. To the health and wellbeing of Jennifer Garcia

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass) (Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

January 15th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

January 16th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Fry

January 17th St. Anthony (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † George Crowe

January 18th Weekend (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Schmitt

January 19th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Doug Alles

January 20th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Jim Van Holten

5:00 p.m. † Jerry & Jean Zorger

January 21st Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time (Sunday)

8 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

January 8, 2024

Families served **42**, Total people **119**

New clients **1**

Your ongoing support whether that is financial, food donations, volunteering of your time, talent and last, but not least, your prayers are each example of Jesus calls for us to love our neighbor.

NEEDS:

Specific pantry needs: toilet paper, peanut butter and canned chicken.

If you would like to help with St. Vincent DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for Sara St. Clair.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support! Please keep in mind that St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If Monday falls directly on a holiday, the pantry will not be open. Evening hours are the third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus collected a total of 23 pints of blood. 69 lives were saved with the blood that was collected. Thank you to all of the knights that helped prepare the breakfast for this blood drive.

Thank you for our parish participation in stopping in for breakfast and or donation of blood. The Knights of Columbus next Red Cross blood drive will be held March 3, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast will also be served that morning.

Farewell Reception for Father José

We will have a farewell reception for Father José after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 21st. Please join us in the Community Center for refreshments and to wish Father well in his new assignment.

HOLY HOUR OF POWER

The next HOLY HOUR OF POWER will be on Friday, January 19th from 6-7 pm. Come and bring a friend!