

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017



# Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa

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Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

27 de agosto de 2017

*Jesus said,*  
**“Come to me all you who  
labor and are burdened.”**

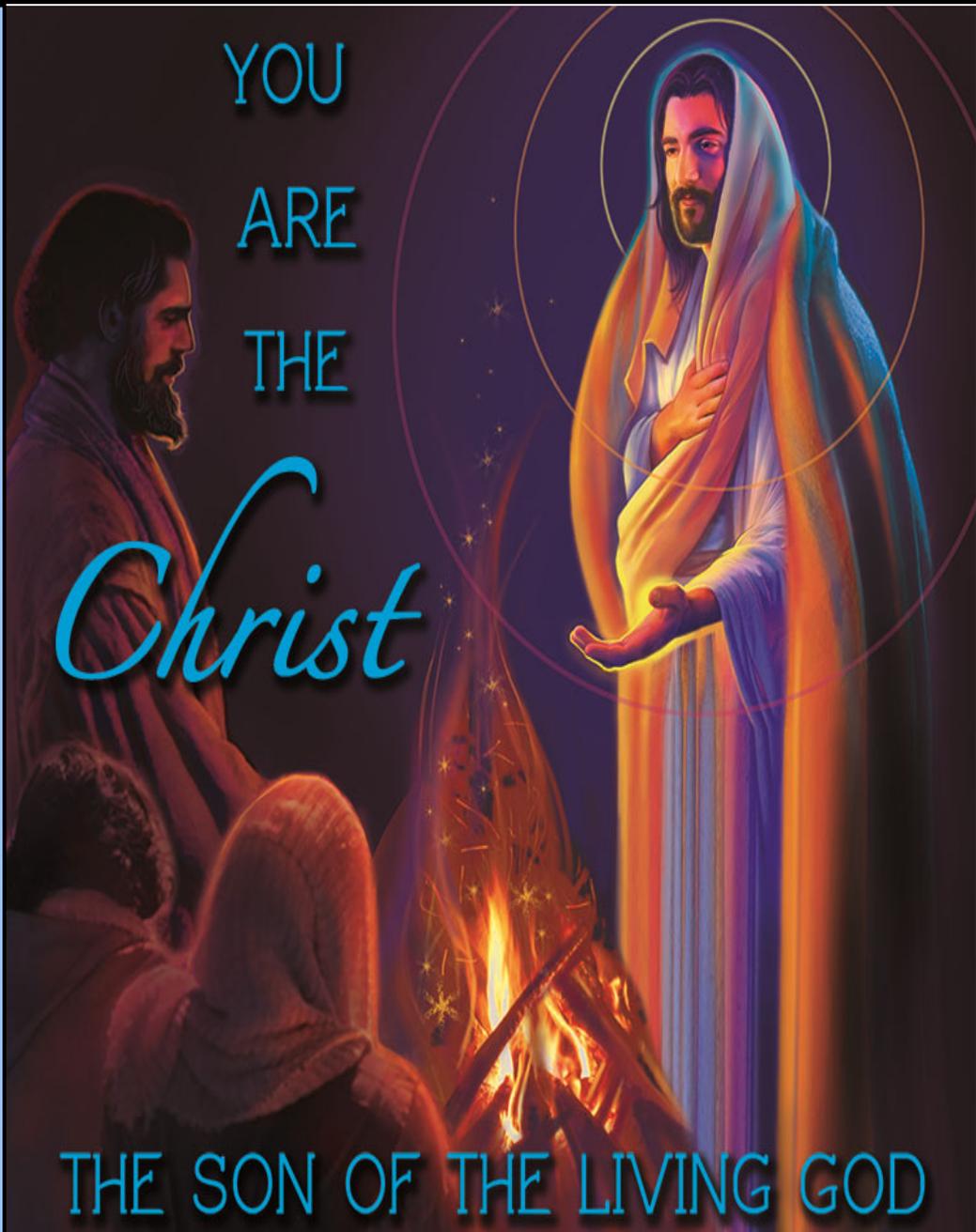
We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no hablo Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the racetrack, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!



YOU  
ARE  
THE  
*Christ*

THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

TÚ L MESIAS, EL HIJO DE DIOS VIVO

### Mass Schedule

We have been notified by the Diocese of Pittsburgh that we are not to schedule any Masses after August 31, 2018, because of the reorganization for "On Mission for the Church Alive".

Also, no Weddings can be scheduled after September 30, 2018.

DAY / TIME	CONFESSIONS / EVENTS	OBSERVANCES / MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 26</b>		<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	
10:00 am-1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Leadership Workshop, Church Hall Confessions Mass	Elmer Sobansky +, req. Nancy Cunko	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 27</b>		<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Mass Mass Spanish Mass Patriotic Rosary	Katherine Mruk +, req. Virginia Oliveri James J. Leone +, req. Family PARISHIONERS	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 28</b>		<b>ST. AUGUSTINE</b>	
10:00 am 10:45 am	Mass Miraculous Medal Novena	Frannie Seward +, req. Kathy, Craig & Lee	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 29</b>		<b>THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	
10:00 am	Mass	Elvera & Alex DeRocco +, req. Kathy & Dick	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30</b>			
11:00 am 6:00 pm	Staff Meeting, CCD Center Mass	Charles Campagna (For Wellness), req. Eleanor Campagna Family	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 31</b>			
10:00 am 6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Mass ESL Class, CCD Center	Teresa Rumanek +, req. Bob & Donna Dragan	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</b>		<b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION FIRST FRIDAY</b>	
10:00 am 10:45 am 7:45 pm	Mass Adoration Benediction	Bill Doran +, req. Reene & Bill Gozzard	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</b>		<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FIRST SATURDAY</b>	
10:00 am-1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Leadership Workshop, Church Hall Confessions Mass	Anthony Vallone +, req. Ann Barsody & Family	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</b>		<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Mass Mass Spanish Mass	Joan Yoest + (Birthday), req. Husband Gene Anthony Vallone +, Rosemary Kosiorek PARISHIONERS	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### CAN YOU HELP WITH THE BULLETIN?

Each week you read through the bulletin to find out about Mass times, events at the parish, news related to your favorite ministry, who is celebrating a birthday this week, who may need your prayers this month, as well as many other useful bits of information.

Getting the bulletin into your hands involves many people, some who concentrate on details, others who add their creative flair. You, too, can become a part of the magic of the bulletin. With a working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or any other desktop publishing software, you are adequately equipped to put the bulletin together. The only requirement is a dedication to getting it to the printer in time for the following weekend. You can work from home and there are no meeting commitments.

There are people in the Parish who have worked on the bulletin and will provide guidance and support as you learn how to make a big difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Christ. As with anything in the Church, it takes people who are willing to stand up and assist in the work of the Kingdom of God. It is our calling as Christians to be light and salt to the world. Sometimes it's as simple as offering our time and talents each week providing useful and timely information to the Parish.

For more information, please contact Don Ross at [don@miraculousmedalchurch.org](mailto:don@miraculousmedalchurch.org) or the church office.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

### OS CUMPLEAÑOS DE ESTA SEMANA



Ashley Burns, Robert Conley, Jr., Ray Dubiel, Lawrence Moskal, Theresa M. Powell, Matt Rohm, Stephen Setto, George Sirakos, Danielle Bieniek, Rose Colussi, Alexander Rodriguez, Jordan Chase, Christine Checonsky, Emily Rathbone, Sonya Stimmel, Mary Ann Corson, Michele Guernsey, Stacy Hall, John Michael Marcischak, III, Kalyn Penderville, Rose Wrubleski, Ashlinn Berger, William Chadwick, Thomas Olszewski, George Pecharka, Frances Siba, Jeffrey Wagner Jr., Cara Jo Brown, Devon Diesel, Rebecca Mobley, Sam Gaido, James Horvath and Mark Rockage.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to  
Bill and Dolores Cox,  
who celebrated their 65th  
Wedding Anniversary

**WELCOME**

We would like to welcome the newest members of our faith community:



**JUDY ANN KANDEL  
JUDY BEDRICK  
ANGELA WATTERS  
JULIE BOOTH  
NANCY REIGER**

We are grateful to God for you and proud to call you our sisters in Christ.

**HOLY NAME SPAGHETTI DINNER**



There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7 pm.** in the **Church Hall** to finalize our plans for the **Spaghetti Dinner** being held on

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 from 2-6 pm.** This dinner will benefit the Good Samaritan Project. Tickets for this event are **\$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10 years of age.** In addition to dinner there will be a **Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle and bake sale.** More information regarding drop off will be in next week's bulletin.

For further information call  
Pecharka's at 724-503-4083

**CCD REGISTRATION**

**CCD Registration** is now open for the **2017-2018 school year.** Class begins on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9 am. The number to call for registration is: 724-228-9088.

Please bring a  
**Baptism or Birth certificate.**

**HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

For information about **Baptism, CCD or Weddings,**

please call  
Erenia Karamcheti at 724-554-6129

**¿QUIERE MEJORAR SU INGLÉS?**

¡Estamos ofreciendo clases de inglés (ESL) por gratis aquí en la parroquia! Tenemos clases los lunes y miércoles a las 10am en el Church Hall, y los martes y jueves a las 6:30pm en el Centro CCD.

Tenemos tutores para todos niveles de hablantes y se puede empezar inmediatamente. Si tiene preguntas o le gustaría registrarse, puede llamar a Elena al (724) 531 4146. ¡Todos que quieran aprender son bienvenidos!"

**REST IN PEACE**



Please pray for the soul of  
**Dr. Victor Mazza,**  
**parishioner**

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL PARISH**

**SATURDAY**  
5 pm — Vigil  
**SUNDAY**  
8 am & 11 am  
La Misa en español — 2:30 pm

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**  
10 am

**WEDNESDAY**  
6 pm

**HOLY DAYS**  
Check Bulletin

**PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

**CLERGY**

**CARMEN A. D'AMICO**  
*Pastor*

**ANTON V. MOBLEY**  
*Permanent Deacon*

**PARISH STAFF**  
**ROSALIE ECKELS**  
*Religious Education Director*

**JENNIFER DERRICK**  
*Music Director & Organist*

**RACHEL KROFCHICK**  
*Youth Pastor*

**ELENA ALARCON**  
*Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry*

**MARY ANN LECCI**  
*Parish Secretary*

**DON ROSS**  
*Coordinator of Ministries*

**ANDREW JAMES**  
*Maintenance, Mon-Fri*

**DEAN GINDLESPERGER**  
*Maintenance, Sat.-Sun.*

**PARISH PHONE NUMBERS**

Rectory	724-222-1911
Rectory: (en español)	724-206-9677
Rectory Fax	724-222-5688
CCD Center	724-228-8575
Religious Education	724-228-9088
Religious Education Fax	724-228-1488
Baptism and Marriage (Contact Rectory)	724-222-1911
Diocesan Abuse Hotline	724-886-1484

Safe Environment Coordinator

**ED HOLMES 724-886-1484**

e-mail:

ed.holmes@miraculousmedalchurch.org

**RCIA**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** secession's will **begin on Wednesday, September 13th.** at 7 pm in the Rectory basement and will continue weekly until Easter. RCIA is for people interested in furthering a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and to learn more about the Catholic Church and it's teachings.

Coming to RCIA in no way obligates you to becoming part of the Catholic Church, but we would happy to discuss any questions you may have about Christianity and the living out of our Christian faith in the Catholic Church.

Please contact the **Parish Office at: 724-222-1911** or if you have any questions contact **Deacon Tony at 724-746-3788.**

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

**The Patriotic Rosary will be prayed THIS SUNDAY, August 27 at 6 pm.**

Please come and pray the rosary for our troops that are protecting us overseas and here at home.

**We pray the Patriotic Rosary usually on the last Sunday of every month at 6 pm**

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD**

The Christian Mothers & Guild will open their new year with a **Mass for all Deceased Members at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 6th.** followed with a short business meeting in the CCD Center. **Social chair ladies** for the evening are **Trudy Fittro, Janet Pecharka, and Kathy Setto.**

**REMINDER: ALL FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY EVENINGS INSTEAD OF TUESDAY EVENINGS.**

**MANIFESTING THE KINGDOM AWARD**

Congratulations to **Jim McClory** who will be awarded the **2017 Manifesting the Kingdom Award** by **Bishop Zubik** on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at St. Paul Cathedral.

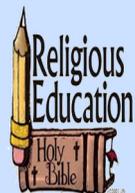
Jim is being recognized for his great service to our parish as the coordinator of our **Sight and Sound Ministry, Coordinator of the Parish Fish Fry** and his involvement with the **Holy Name Society.**



If anyone is in need of the **Eucharist** and you are **homebound**, we will bring **Communion** to your home or nursing facility.

**Please call the rectory at 724-222-1911 and we will direct you to the person who will be able to help you.**

**CCD**



We need a couple of volunteers **on Sundays from 9 am to 10:30 am.** to teach Religious Education to our children (CCD).

Do you have **2 hours/week** to contribute?

**For more information please call Rosalie at 724-228-9088.**

**Catholic Charities' Washington County Outreach Catholic Charities' Diocese of Pittsburgh, Washington County: 22nd. Annual Golf Classic**

The September 6, Catholic Charities' Washington office hosts its 22nd. Annual Golf Classic at **Lone Pine Country Club.** Ideal for networking, entertaining clients, and/or relaxing, the Golf Classic supports programming at **Catholic Charities' Washington County Outreach, including Basic Needs Assistance, Pregnancy and Parenting Support, and Counseling Services.**

To purchase tickets and sponsorship's, please call **Susan weekdays between 9 am and 1 pm, at 724-228-1206.**

(If you call after 1 pm, your call will be directed to Castle Tower answering service. Please leave your message; it will be collected the next work day.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

**You are the Christ** - Are you prepared, like St. Peter, to profess with your lips that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? How about to profess it with your life, by the quality of your words and deeds? Are you willing to place your trust in Jesus in the midst of trials, or is it only for when things are going well? We are all called to set our lives firmly on the foundation of Jesus so to stand firm and share his life with others no matter the circumstances of our lives. Join Bishop David Zubik in prayer and worship at one of the On Mission for The Church Alive! Summer Sessions and continue to prepare your heart to share the life and love of God with others even as we await the big changes that are about to take place in your parish and throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The uncertainty may challenge us, but we trust in the work of the Holy Spirit to provide the gifts and resources for the Church to grow and thrive. The Summer Sessions will be held from **7 pm. - 8:30 pm.** on the following days:

**Thursday, August 24th**

at St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw;

**Monday, August 28th**

at St. Thomas More, Bethel Park;

**Tuesday, August 29th**

at St. Margaret Mary, Moon Township;

**Wednesday, August 30th**

at St. Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships.

Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org)

to learn more about it and to stay informed.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**Please support Catholic Charities' Washington County Outreach during the Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) Gives Day on September 12!**

Your gift will be increased with a portion of a \$100,000 bonus pool. You can donate by check any time up to September 12 by downloading the check contribution form at [www.wccfgives/details](http://www.wccfgives/details)

OR give online between 8 am and 8 pm on September 12 at [www.wccfgives.org](http://www.wccfgives.org). Your support of Catholic Charities helps local individuals and families with Basic Needs assistance, Pregnancy and Parenting support, Counseling, and more.

Thank you for your generosity!

**COME AND SEE**

**High school men:** come to encounter the Lord through a day of prayer, fun, and brotherhood on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary. The day will include Mass, adoration, laser tag, games, dynamic talks, and witness by seminarians. No cost. To register, please email **Theresa Sullivan at [tsullivan@diopitt.org](mailto:tsullivan@diopitt.org) by September 8.**

If you are a victim of abuse, Call the Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response: 1-888-808-1235

For suspected child abuse, call 1-888-808-1235 AND the State of Pennsylvania child abuse number: 1-800-932-0313

**PARISH FAITH**

**BE A ROCK**



Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

**LA FE DE LA PARROQUIA**

**SÉ UNA ROCA**

La historia de Pedro como seguidor o amigo de Jesús es un poco irregular. Resulta natural preguntarnos si Jesús, al darle las llaves del Reino, no se sintió un poco como el padre que le entrega a su adolescente las llaves del auto de la familia. Pero fue en el momento en que el poder y la presencia de Dios irrumpió traspasándolo todo para que brotara de Pedro la gran profesión de fe en Cristo como Mesías que Jesús eligió establecer el vínculo entre la misericordia amorosa de Dios y nuestra vocación como testigos de ese amor y ese perdón en la tierra.

Como cualquier padre, Jesús sin duda previó las fallas, las maniobras irresponsables y los sentidos dañados, las colisiones hacia donde se dirigiría la Iglesia. Pero, lo que es más importante, también nos vio en el momento en que Dios prefiere vernos: capaces de manifestar gran fe, con el deseo de permanecer a los pies de Cristo para comprender lo que realmente es ser Mesías y ser Cristo. Como nos lo señala hoy la carta a los romanos, no hemos conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o llegado a ser su consejero, mas Dios nos conoce y aún elige para que manifestemos el reino de justicia, gozo, hermosura y paz. Que esta sea nuestra vocación. Que siempre busquemos ser tierra firme donde se pueda fundar la Iglesia de Jesucristo y sobre la cual sigue edificándose.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue "The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks," which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or "special circumstances." In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored "to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers." The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**



Más del 40% de la población católica en Estados Unidos es de origen hispano y sólo el 6% de los sacerdotes son hispanos. Hay algo que está mal en las cifras. Parte del problema es que en los seminarios estadounidenses no saben qué hacer con las vocaciones y culturas hispanas.

Por otra parte, los hispanos deseamos que nuestros hijos tengan mejor vida y la vocación sacerdotal no constituye un lugar privilegiado en la escala social. Ciertamente, había un tiempo en que los sacerdotes se trataban con mucho respeto, ya no. Últimamente la escasez de sacerdotes y los escándalos en la Iglesia han hecho que el sacerdocio pierda mucho de su encanto. La vida sacerdotal se ha hecho muy difícil. Hoy día el joven que busca el sacerdocio lo busca por servicio y vocación, no por prestigio o posición social. El sacerdocio es un apostolado que se recibe con el sacramento del Orden. Ser ordenado es recibir órdenes, es decir, ser obediente. Hoy más que nunca, el sacerdote está llamado a la misma obediencia de Jesucristo, obediencia que lo llevó a la cruz y a la resurrección. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que su entrega sea total.

Average Weekly Expense	\$ 6,100.00	Parish Share Goal 2017	\$ 79,162.00
Collection for Sunday August 13, 2017	\$ 5,910.50	Parish Share as of August 13, 2017	\$ 31,372.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 189.50</b>	E-Offering for July 2017	\$ 2,220.00

Anything collected over our Parish Share assessment will go into our savings.