

From The Pastor's Desk



Brothers and Sisters, some thoughts from today's Scriptures:

In Philippians, Chapter 2 we hear about a *Plea for Unity and Humility*. In this reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, we hear the words and phrases:

- Encouragement in Christ
- Solace in love
- Participation in the Spirit
- Compassion and mercy

Brothers and sisters, are not these ways the ways of the Lord? We can encourage each other to walk in the light of Christ. We do find solace in love and it is through participation in the Spirit that we can offer to each other compassion and mercy.

St. Paul then tells us:

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others. PHILIPPIANS 2:2-4

Then we hear that beautiful line from Scripture:

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus. PHILIPPIANS 5:5.

If we but keep the attitude of Christ with us, we are strong because we follow the example of the Master. Let's try to encourage one another to live this Christ-like attitude.

Disaster Relief

Regarding the situation in the Caribbean and the Southeast and the Southwest: We sent about \$7,900 to hurricane victims because of your generosity. Thank you so much! I realize that we are asked by the Church for many needs. I just want to say Thank You for all you continue to do! I want to thank you for your prayers and support for the Natural Disaster Victims. Thanks to the Group of Families in our parish who gathered some supplies to send to the Earthquake Victims in Mexico. St. Rosalie's is a wonderful parish which responds so positively to our community and the Church overseas. Thank you.

Respect Life Sunday

This Sunday, October 1, is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

God Bless you all for what you do and who you are: The wonderful People of God of St Rosalie's,

Father Ed