

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

A nurse working on a pediatric ward in a large urban hospital, before listening to the little ones' chests, would always prepare them for this, perhaps to them, alarming procedure. She would plug the ear pieces of the stethoscope into their ears and allow them to listen to their own heart beat. This technique in general allowed the children to get over any fright at this simple, but important medical procedure. She noted that the children's eyes would always light up with a sense of awe the first time they heard their own heart beat.

Her experience with four-year-old David was even more intriguing, an experience she would never forget.

Gently she tucked the stethoscope ear pieces into David's ears, and then placed the metal disc over his heart.

"Listen," she told him. "Do you hear anything special?" "What do you hear? And what do you suppose that sound might be?"

David listened for a few moments, obviously in awe but also with something of a puzzled look on his face. The nurse could see him gently nodding his head to the rhythmic sound deep in his chest.

Finally his face broke out in a wondrous grin. He smiled at the nurse, announcing, "I know what it is . . . it's Jesus knocking!"

The story has its obvious interpretation with regard to the physical, but highlights as well a spiritual reality. The beat of our hearts is not something we listen to, or even pay much attention to on a regular basis, but it does remind us of the intricate working of our bodies, just part of God's greatest creation, humanity. And who knows, perhaps it is also 'Jesus knocking.'

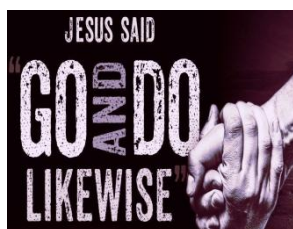
From Father Ken




My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's readings we discover that in the Old Testament there are many references to the law. It was understood at that time that God's law was a guide to living well. Moses wants the people to understand that God's law is within them, and the only requirement is to recognize and live it.

In the Gospel reading today Luke focuses in on who, in the parable of the good Samaritan, is our neighbor. The reading concludes with Jesus' message that the one who shows mercy is the one fulfilling the law. He instructs us to go and do likewise. The challenge for us is determine how we can be more like the Samaritan to the people we encounter!



If you are involved in Chapel Ministries and have dates in August when you are unable to serve, please contact Cat in the Chapel Office. If possible, let her know of those dates by July 17th.



Our Chapel Advisory Committee will meet this month.

If you have suggestions or ideas for our Catholic Chapel, please advise one of the Chapel Advisory Members or Cat in the Chapel Office.

If you have Mass intentions for Father Valentine in Nigeria please contact Cat with your intentions. Father Valentine greatly appreciates the donations and intentions.



A special thank you goes out to Bill Humm who keeps our Chapel Office computer and Chapel bells operating properly. Bill's experience and expertise is a gift to all.

Monthly reflections booklets can be found in the hall the Chapel entrance. These gifts are generously provided for the Chapel by Bill and Rosemary Humm ([One Bread, One Body](#)) and Anne Strong ([Living Faith – Daily Catholic Devotions](#)).



The Chapel is open 24-hours-a-day for prayer and reflection to those who live in St. Francis Village.

On Tuesday July 22nd the Knights of Columbus will have their monthly sandwich-making opportunity at 7:00 PM in the PAX Center. Please consider assisting them in making 500 sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth.

Recently I came across reflections from Sister Theresita with the Holy Family of Nazareth that I thought to share with you:

When God calls us it can be a step forward as well as to a circling inward toward growth. Change is not always easy. . . but God provides us with the tools when he calls. Anxiety is not helpful, one needs to trust in God's plan that he has for us. It is a plan for good. (Jeremiah 29:11). During your prayer time look at what God is calling you to.

***May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson***



Mass Intentions

July 13, 2025	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 14, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Paul Pennington By Louise Roberts
July 15, 2025	By Fr. Bob Strittmatter
July 16, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
July 17, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Sarah Uriegas By Kathleen Childs
July 18, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Charlie Gunter By The Parkhurst Family
July 19, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Jack Parkhurst By Patty Parkhurst (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)