

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

To Do a Little Good

Although my primary role as a retired priest is to celebrate Mass and provide pastoral care for the Catholics of Saint Francis Village, I am called upon frequently to assist in other parishes and with other ministries. For example, as many of you know, I have had the pleasure of serving the Diocesan Deaf Ministry over the years and celebrate Mass with them in American Sign Language on the first Sunday of each month.

Also, I assist with daily Mass at the convent of the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur located on Fort Worth's South Side. Recently, while waiting to celebrate daily Mass there in the absence of their regular chaplain, I noted a book about the Order and their work in the Southwest. They came to the North Texas area over a century ago at a time when our Diocese of Fort Worth did not even exist and was still part of the Dallas Diocese. The Sisters came to serve as teachers in our Catholic schools and as pastoral ministers in our parishes. But as the book underscores, at a more fundamental level, their purpose was **to do a little good**. In light of the tremendous good which this religious Order has brought to our Diocese and others throughout Texas and the world – they have foundations in Africa, South America as well as Belgium, where the community was initially founded – to suggest that they have only done “a little good” seems an understatement.

But my intention in writing this reflection is not to focus on the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur per se, although they are an excellent starting point. It is rather to pose the challenge of discipleship. The simple but profound statement of what the SSMN's intended with regard to ministry is the true focus, not only for them but for all of us as Christian disciples.

*To do a little good.
To do it every day.
To do it throughout the years.
To do it with regard to
every person encountered.
To do it without cost or expectation
of reward or praise.
To do it in the name of Christ.*

That is the essence of discipleship flowing from an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

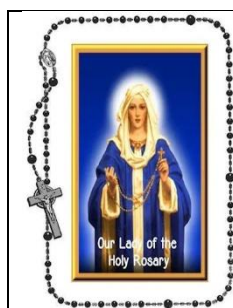
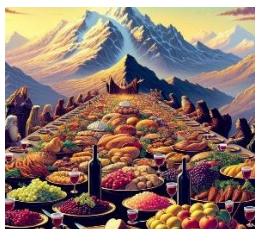
While it is certainly true that most of us lack the ability and the resources to make dramatic changes to the world about us, there is no one who lacks the ability **to do a little good**. Perhaps it is a smiling face for someone who perceives only stormy weather. Perhaps it is a helping hand to someone in need. Perhaps it is a listening ear to the person who needs to share from the heart. The possibilities are endless, and they are around us every day of our lives. We have only to see them, to allow God to work in and through us, in order that we, too, might **do a little good**.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are beginning the 28th Week in Ordinary Time. As Ordinary Time draws close to its end this year, the readings start to invite us to ponder anew the fulfillment of the Lord's plan for the end of time. This week's readings invite us to contemplate further the Kingdom of God. In the first reading (Isaiah 25:6-10), we see the fulfillment of the plan as a mountain top feast. Jesus's parable in the Gospel uses festive imagery to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. That parable conveys a mixed image. On the one hand it is a glorious celebration, while at the same time the invitation to the celebration calls for an open and conscientious embrace of the expectations that accompany it.



The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary was celebrated on October 7th, and the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Please join us as we turn to our Blessed Mother to pray the Rosary.

**Pray the Rosary together before Masses
Saturdays 4:30 PM and Sundays 9:30 AM.**

PASTORAL LETTER

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

On October 1, 2026, Bishop Olson sent out a **Pastoral Letter on the Distribution of Communion Under Both Species.**

You may access the letter on line at <https://fwdioc.org>.

And, some copies of the letter are available at the Chapel Entrance.

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Saturday Oct. 24th	FREE ADMISSION <i>Open to the Public – invite your friends!</i> 10 AM to 4 PM
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This month we celebrated the 800-year anniversary of the passing of Saint Francis from early life into Heaven. The prayer attributed to Saint Francis: ***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*** expresses the desire to bring love where there is hatred, hope where there is despair, and light where there is darkness. In our world, where many souls are struggling, we must remember: ***All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.***



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

Mass Intentions

Oct. 11, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Oct. 12, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Terrie McCabe By C. Karnezis
Oct. 13, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Oct. 14, 2026	Repose of the Souls of Josephine & Richard Collins By Cecily & Bob Bramlet
Oct. 15, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Joyce Melman By Teresa Stichnot
Oct. 16, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp on Anniversary of her Birthday By Tom & Ruth Kemp
Oct. 17, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Robert C. Bramlet By Cecily & Bob Bramlet (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)