

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (Continued)

(4) OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE:

In a just human society, a basic moral test is how the most vulnerable members are faring. In a world society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our Catholic tradition calls us to reflect prayerfully on the story of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and the most vulnerable first. Scripture is clear – God hears the cry of the poor and we risk our own eternal peace if we fail to recognize and promote the legitimate needs of others.

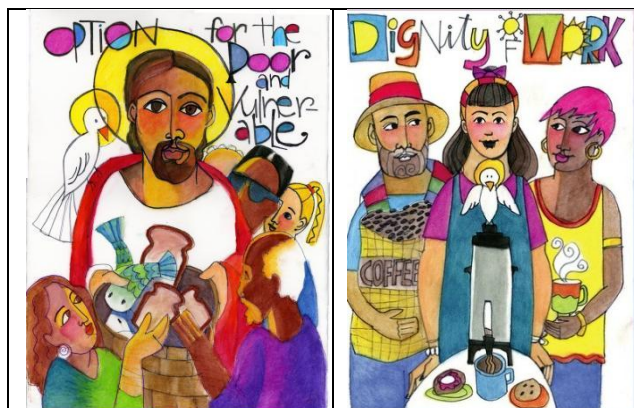
Naturally this aspect of Catholic social teaching can be a challenge. In the first place, it is our basic human impulse to take care of ourselves and family first. The Church certainly does not oppose such a goal, but emphasizes that each individual and each family are part of a greater whole. Additionally, there are complex social, political and economic questions which must be considered in regard to how best to support the poor and most vulnerable in society. There are rarely easy answers or solutions and the Catholic Church does not promote a welfare state. However, our Catholic faith insists that we each have responsibilities to both individual and community rights.

(5) DIGNITY OF WORK AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS:

The economy and all that makes up this reality must serve people. If it does not serve the workers, then it is not consistent with authentic Catholic social teaching. Work is more than a means to earn a living. Rather, it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. Therefore, if the dignity of work is to be protected, the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organizing and joining unions and other groups for obtaining these rights, to private property and to economic initiative.

Those who insist that the Church needs to 'stay out of the economy' are focused not on the dignity of work and workers' rights but on personal economic power and gain. That does not correspond to God's plan.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week's Gospel readings can be easily misunderstood. Jesus presents discipleship in terms of worthiness and hospitality. It is not that we should love family less, but that our vocation as disciples of Christ should come first in how we model our lives. Jesus is inviting us to assess our priorities.



Chapel Worship Opportunities	
	
Daily Masses	9:00 AM Monday through Friday
Anointing of the Sick	Thursday July 2nd during 9:00 AM Mass
Confessions	Following 9:00 AM Mass Friday July 3rd from 10:15 to 11:30 AM and from 6:00 to 7:00 PM
First Saturday July 4 th	9:00 AM Mass
Vigil Mass July 4 th	5:00 PM



Pack the Pantry Weekend July 4th & 5th



Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Meal Packs are high on the list of Pantry needs. May God Bless your Food Pantry and Poor Box gifts for SFV Residents.

Chapel Donations: Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. (St. Philip Neri)

	PreBorn! is a pro-life organization dedicated to supporting life-affirming pregnancy clinics across the nation. Its mission emphasizes both the physical and spiritual well-being of mothers and their preborn children.
	In the Prison Ministry , Fr. (Willie) Onuh ministers to the women incarcerated in FMC (Federal Medical Center) Carswell. In the absence of government funding, Father Willie is appreciative of the Chapel donations that help provide Mass supplies – i.e., hosts, that are needed in his service as the Catholic Chaplain at the Women's Prison.

At times I am sure we have all struggled with knowing what is God's will for our lives. Mother Angelica (founder of – EWTN - Eternal Word Television Network) shared the following helpful questions for discerning God's will for our lives:

-  Does it violate any of the Commandments?
-  Is it against the precepts of the Church?
-  Will it give honor and glory to God?
-  Will it benefit my family and my spiritual life?

She asks one more question of us:

Do you realize you're a Christian and you have sanctifying grace in you? The Holy Spirit is in you. Pray, move forward in His grace, and you will discover God's will for you.

May Christ's will be done on earth

as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.

Mike Pierson



Mass Intentions

June 28, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
June 29, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Leo Haas By Miriam Gore
June 30, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
July 1, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Vivian Risiott By Deacon Howard Herring
July 2, 2026	Intentions of Maggie Pustka By Miriam Gore
July 3, 2026	Intentions of Janet Suess Family By Deacon Howard Herring
July 4, 2026	Intentions of David Skinner, Jr. for his Birthday By David & Cathy Skinner (9:00 AM First Saturday Mass)
July 4, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Omer Marie Bruno Tapsoba By Marione Tapsoba (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)