

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

'Letting Go' and 'Letting God'

"Don't attempt to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and irritates the pig." This folk wisdom can be interpreted in various ways but offers sound wisdom on one of the most challenging aspects of human personality – desire to control. Everyone wants to exercise control to some degree; some need this control so much that it can overwhelm their lives and negatively affect relationships with people.

Control is not a sin but a necessary reality. We are given resources and abilities to exercise some control in our lives; and we have responsibility to exert some control in our lives. The problem is our inability or unwillingness to recognize the limits of control. We demand absolute control over everything and everyone. At its core that desire for absolute control is a safety issue – we believe if we can control the world about us, we will feel safe. That's not true, but it can be a powerful impulse in our lives. The challenge is to recognize honestly the things we can control and those we cannot. Where does that leave us?

We need an honest evaluation of the situation. Appropriate change begins with quiet reflection. What is the situation? What do I desire as outcome? Is this outcome worthwhile and possible? What can I do to alter the situation? What is within and beyond my control? What am I willing to do? After reflection it is possible to plan for

change, although in truth most change is a compromise, never exactly what we want. Refusing to accept things we cannot control, we waste time, exerting effort which can never succeed. We struggle to teach the pig to sing, but the pig will never learn to sing and our efforts only aggravate the situation and fill us with frustration. We accomplish nothing. If you can exert control, do so. If not, then pray for the grace of perseverance!

From Father Ken

GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
To Accept The Things
I CANNOT CHANGE
COURAGE
To Change The
THINGS I CAN AND
WISDOM
TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time, this week's reading from Matthew informs us that seed that falls on good ground produces a fruitful harvest. If we have been a Catholic for very long, we have heard the parable of the sower and the seed many times. The seed is the word of God that is sown in the world. May the soil of our hearts be open to God's word and bear much in the way of good works. The effectiveness of our actions and efforts in life, including our relationships and personal growth, depends on the quality of the "ground" in which we sow. By offering support, empathy, and patience, we can create an environment that fosters healing and growth for ourselves and others. We are to ask ourselves: *Do we nurture the word of God through our prayers, life, and reception of the sacraments, allowing us to produce good fruits for ourselves and others?*



... the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...

Chapel Worship Opportunities

 Eucharistic Adoration  	
Daily Masses	9:00 AM Monday through Friday
Adoration	9:30 AM Wednesday & Friday
Confessions July 10th	After 9:00 AM Mass 10:15 to 11:30 AM
Vigil Mass July 11th	5:00 PM
Sunday Mass July 12th	10:00 AM

Chapel Donations: Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others. (St. Augustine of Hippo)



The mission of the **Salesians of Don Bosco** is to be signs and bearers of God's love for the young, especially the poorest, young workers, and those preparing for work, as well as those discerning apostolic vocations. They work among the common people, with special attention to lay evangelizers, families, social communication, and those not yet evangelized.



The mission of the **Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth** is ... strengthening families and responding to emerging needs – especially the need for safe, stable housing for young women women pursuing higher education. In 2025, the Chapel contributed money to help erect a thousand-foot security fence at the Philadelphia convent that backs up to a large, wooded area.

This week's reflections are about the writings of Saint Augustine on Vacations and Summertime. His quest was to have us slow down and enjoy this season of the year. In his book **The City of God**, written in the Fifth Century, he said: *The love of truth seeks Holy leisure and just works.* When he was worn out by years of teaching in the Autumn of 386, he accepted an offer to go to a friend's country villa for an escape from years of hard work. He structured his getaway to focus on love and truth, rather than continuing his many duties. He wrote that we should stop treating rest as something we earn and to stop looking at summer vacation as a Holiday. In this writing he urges us: *to seek a place where God is present and realize he is waiting for us spiritually and emotionally ... waiting to offer us peace.* The importance of a long meal time with a confidant or friend is also emphasized. Having a long conversation, expressing your thoughts and wonders with a trusted companion is a blessing. Such hours spent are not wasted at all. He asks us to recover our interior spiritual life and reclaim silence saying: *Holy leisure is what keeps us truly human.*

For you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.



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

Mass Intentions

July 12, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 13, 2026	Intentions of SFV Residents with July Birthdays
July 14, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
July 15, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Freeman By a Friend
July 16, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
July 17, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 18, 2026	Intentions of Glen & Mary Gillespie In honor of their 45 th Wedding Anniversary (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)