

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (Continued)

(6) SOLIDARITY:

Whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, religious or ideological differences, we are one human family. God creates all and intends that all be part of one family of humanity. We are, despite our protestations to the contrary, our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world.

At the very core of this virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our brothers and sisters demands that we promote peace by insisting on justice in a world too often torn by violence and conflict and an immoral grab for power. This is not a call to world domination or manipulation, but rather a response to the realization that we are one people, one world and that we belong to and are answerable to God!

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of all creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan but is rather a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. Despite the attacks on our Holy Father, Francis, who had made this social teaching a major part of his endeavors, as faithful Christians we cannot ignore these environmental challenges. They involve not merely physical considerations but call into play fundamental moral and ethical dimensions as we seek to use God's gift of the environment for the benefit of all of God's children.

From Father Ken

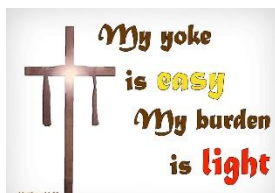
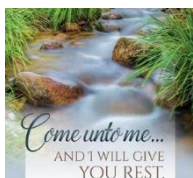
(7) CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION:

Certainly one of the most significant recently-emphasized aspects of Catholic social teaching is that associated with the care for creation, God's gift to all humanity for all times. It is not a new idea and Catholic social teaching in this area dates back to Saint Francis and before. The current challenges to the environment have made this aspect of Catholic social teaching much more imperative.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the second reading from Romans this week, Paul emphasizes that new life in Christ is not a one-time decision. Rather, it is a choice to be made each day. We are called to not live according to the flesh, but to allow the Holy Spirit to assist us in life. The Gospel reading this week follows the same theme. Jesus assures us that we will find rest and peace by being a disciple of His. He reminds us that His yoke is easy and His burden light.



Father Valentine is accepting Mass intentions from the St. Francis Village Catholic Chapel. Contact Cat in the Chapel office if you wish to have him offer your intentions. She will forward your donations and requests for him to say the Masses in his Nigerian Parish.



On July 5th, please join us in the Lounge for the SFV Ecumenical Brunch at approximately 11:15 AM, following Sunday Mass and Protestant Fellowship Services. Enjoy this time to connect, reflect, and rejoice in the blessing of our shared community.

Chapel Donations: *God has no need of your money, but the poor have. You give it to the poor, and God receives it. (St. Augustine)*



St. Francis Village offers a supportive, faith-based community for seniors aged 62 and older. As part of that community, the Catholic Chapel promotes the collection and distribution of food and other necessities through donations to the SFV Food Pantry and our Poor Box. Additionally, our "quiet ministry" gives financial help to residents who are experiencing challenging times in which they need a little "quiet" help, that does not disrespect their dignity.

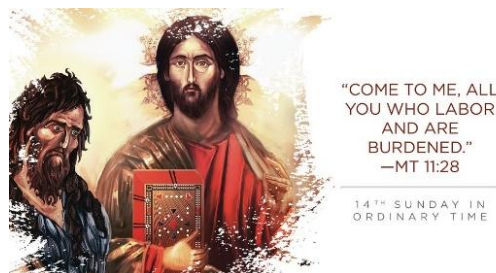


The mission of **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment, ensuring no child is denied care based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.

Recently I came across an article on the first woman known to have received the stigmata. Her name was Saint Lutgarde and she received the stigmata around the same time as Saint Francis of Assisi received it. The Greek word stigmata translates in English to "marks" and they are a rare gift from God. Saint (Sister) Lutgarde was born in 1182. She was admitted to the Benedictine monastery at the age of 12, and later she joined the Cistercian Order of nuns. She would sweat blood and the blood appeared over her body especially from her hands and side. She is regarded as one of the earliest saints to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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



Mass Intentions

July 5, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 6, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Tom Alves By C. Karnezis
July 7, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
July 8, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Maurice Gagnon By Mike & Doris Pierson
July 9, 2026	Intention of Ruth Kemp on Her Birthday, By Tom Kemp
July 10, 2026	Intention of Curran Skinner Plumbley on Her Birthday By David and Kathy Skinner
July 11, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)