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Sacrament Of Baptism:
FIRST Sunday of the month
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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
July 7-8, 2018

SOMETHING NEW: In our previous Bulletin, I spoke about the Vestibule being also our Cry Room with the placement of small pews and the installation of a small speaker. We have a short delay in the installation of the speaker because of challenges we're not able to anticipate. But don't lose heart: the speaker will be installed soon! Also, one of the 1st set of 2 lights above the Altar has been installed and we're waiting for the 2nd fixture to be installed later. With only one light above the Altar, you can already see the difference: the Table of the Lord is lit! We hope that the vestibule speaker and the 2nd light fixture will be installed soon.

Have you made plans to join us at our upcoming **Town Hall Meeting & Listening Session scheduled for Wednesday, July 11th from 6 to 8:30 PM and Saturday, July 21st from 9 AM to 12 noon** (meals provided). Please seriously consider attending one of these meetings, your Church and your Co-Cathedral community needs you.

This year's **Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA)** continues to appeal for your kind support. If you haven't made your commitment yet, please seriously consider doing so, your donation supports some major programs in our diocese!

Our readings this weekend drew my attention to the closing line of the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel: *"they shall know that a prophet has been among them."* (Ez. 2:2-5) One who according to Jesus in the Gospel of Mark *"is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."* (Mk. 6:1-6)

We tend to think that prophets are those special people anointed and inspired by God to do something special for Him. Anointed – yes, but they are neither special nor inspired. Many prophets we knew from of old were difficult, cared, timid, helpless and weak, who dodged and avoided God's command to speak for Him. They were imperfect, ordinary, loud, and sometimes offensive. But they all love God deeply and want to do His will faithfully. God

simply wants them to be His presence and voice among His people at all times so that "He can be our God and we can be His people." Just like it was in the beginning until the end, God calls, anoints and sends prophets to be among His people, including you!

By virtue of OUR baptism and confirmation, we are prophets of the Lord. Perhaps not in the "evangelical, spirited ways" you imagine, or even "miracle-workers" that you think. Just like many of the previous prophets, we were called the way we are, anointed just like the others and sent to all our brothers and sisters complete with our weaknesses, imperfections, brokenness and sinfulness. God chose us the way we are, renewed and purified us with His grace, in order that we may be His presence to all – no qualifications needed.

If you love God deeply and want to do His will, then you are prophet, though nowadays we use the term "disciple." It's your deep and abiding love (just like God's) is what will inspire, strengthen and encourage you to do His will. This love will beget trust and confidence, certainty and hope within you that even in the face of challenges, conflicts and indifference, you will always find courage within; these are stuffs "prophets" are made of!

And if you can't find "a prophet" around or near you, it is perhaps because YOU are the prophet that the Lord called, anointed and sent. Think about it: YOU might be the "prophet among us" that Ezekiel was talking about.

Father Vic+

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9



Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm less eternity awaits us. Amen

MISSION APPEAL FOR THE ROGATIONIST FATHERS

July 14th / 15th

I am Fr. Francisco Javier Flores López, rcj, a Catholic priest who belongs to the Congregation of the Rogationist Fathers of the Heart of Jesus. Our religious community was founded in 1897, in Sicilia, Italia by Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia. He also founded a female community, the Daughters of Divine Zeal, Rogationists (1887). Our father founder saw the need of obtaining from God more holy workers in the Church and in our world. He did not know how to do this until he found a solution in Mathew 9, 37 and Luke 10, 2 where he read, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" He listened to Jesus in the Gospel and he obeyed to this imperative from Jesus himself. Since then, he prayed for vocations to the Church, he became a holy priest and instilled in everyone this dire need of praying for vocations of all types, especially for holy priests and religious men and women. He did this among the poorest of the poor. He saw Jesus in the needy and taught his disciples and future collaborators to live and work among the poor teaching them how to know God, how to pray for vocations and how to make a living in an honest and simple manner. He saw the need to humanize and evangelize the poor and all he was meeting in his life without discriminating any body. Nowadays, the presence of the Congregations is all over the world. We work in parishes, schools, abroad in mission areas, seminaries, instilling in everyone the charism of the *ROGATE* (to pray begging to God for holy vocations).

I myself am living and working in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. I am in charge of our formation house or seminary where we follow ten seminarians who are studying Philosophy.

I will be sharing with you our Rogationist charism and what we do worldwide, especially what we are doing in Mexico.

May God bless you and keep you save and sound!

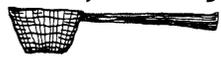
"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest" (Mt. 9, 35-37).

In Christ,

Fr. Francisco Javier Flores López, rcj

June 23rd & 24th

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St. Anne Novena

The annual Novena in Honor of St. Anne will begin July 17 at 6:30 P.M. at the Calvary Grotto Shrine in St. Joseph's Cemetery with a mass followed by prayers and meditation. Thereafter, prayer and meditation will begin each day at 6:30 P.M. The novena will close on July 26 at 6:30 P.M. Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery.

All are invited to attend.

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July 8th-14th
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