



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! As we begin the month of June, continue in these last days of the Easter Season and as my time as Pastor here comes to a close, I'd like to share in the next 3 weeks some closing thoughts. For this week, **Love is not just taught, it's caught.** Or as this story tells it, it's shown. Consider the following from a Facebook Page entitled "Interesting World":

"Put the little chain on me too, Dad..."

"Put the chain on me," the boy whispered, eyes filled with quiet hope. That morning was like so many others: — "Get up! Wash your face! Comb your hair! Put your shirt on — hurry!" — "No time for breakfast! Take your juice with you — and don't spill it!" — "What did I just say, huh? You already stained it! I'm sick of this. You never do anything right!" The boy said nothing. He couldn't say "Dad." He was afraid.

At school, he couldn't focus. Always lost in thought. Always sad. He kept wondering why other kids were happy... and he wasn't.

Later that day, in a rare moment of courage, he spoke: — "Today my teacher asked, 'What does your dad do for work?' And I didn't know what to say..." — "I train dogs," his father replied, still not looking up. — "What do you teach them?" the boy asked softly. — "To be obedient. Not to destroy things. To protect. To guide the blind. To save lives. To be patient, brave, and loyal. And to do it all... without expecting anything in return." — "And how do you train them?" — "I just put a little chain on them. I walk beside them, speak calmly, correct them without hurting, and then I give them affection — so they know I'm not angry. But it takes patience... a lot of patience."

The boy swallowed hard. His eyes welled up. He looked at his father and said in a trembling voice: — "Then put the chain on me too, Dad... I want to learn with you. Correct me without shouting. Hug me afterwards. Be patient with me. I'll protect our home. I'll learn to take care of others. And if one day... you lose your sight, I'll be your eyes. Just... put the chain on me."

The father broke down in tears. And in that embrace, a new kind of chain was formed — An invisible one, made of love, patience, and tenderness. One that, if cherished, never breaks. Let's not forget: our children need time, care, and gentleness. Because love isn't shouted... it's shown.

My friends, God does not deal with us with chains, He deals with us in His Son — who is our Hope and the Way to the Father. Even in our rebellion, every human being longs for God. How beautiful that the above father and son, realized "a new kind of chain connecting them" — a chain of Love. How beautiful that we can realize the same in our relationship with God and His relationship with us.

I thank God for helping me to realize this more deeply in my years here as Pastor. You have taught me more of what it means to be a Father. And I am grateful. As we await Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit who is the Love of the Father and the Son. And let us rejoice that we are forever One in Him! Peace, Fr Rogers

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAYS FROM 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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The Catechism says *"the Eucharist is the 'source and summit' of the Christian life."* What does this mean for us practically? St. Peter Julian Eymard says *"In Bethlehem, Jesus is the friend of the poor; during His evangelical exercises, He is the Doctor, the Pastor, the Healer of souls; on the cross, He is their Savior; and through the Eucharist alone Jesus is King. The body of the communicant is His temple, His heart is His altar... He is the tender Savior who, unwilling to wait patiently for eternity in order to bring happiness to His children, anticipates the day of glory, in order to come and begin heaven through the Eucharist, this heaven of love..."*

Our Lord waits for each one of us in the Blessed Sacrament each Monday at Adoration. You are invited to stop in to the Church and spend some time with Him. We are always in need of Adorers who can either take a regular hour, or sub when needed. If you are interested in joining the Adoration team, please contact Angela Eyre at reachmorepatrick@gmail.com or at 484-753-4801.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Please join us this First Friday of June for a very special time before the Blessed Sacrament. This evening includes music, guided prayer, and time for personal reflection before our Eucharistic Lord. All are welcome.