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Sunday, July 19, 2015

New Floor Project Going Well; Food Bank Will be Closed This Week

Work continues at a steady pace on the new floors being installed in the parish offices. Hopefully, this project will be completed by the end of this week. So that the work can progress uninterrupted the food bank will be closed all of this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding. I am truly grateful for the money made available for this project by the generosity of those who have made contributions to our parish SOC fund.

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We Pray For All of Our Brothers and Sisters in the Armed Forces

Everyday at Holy Mass in the cathedral, in the General Intercessions, we pray for the safety and well-being of all of our brothers and sisters serving our nation in the Armed Forces, particularly those from our parish. These prayers are needed, obviously, as even while serving on our own soil, servicemen and women are in harm's way. This was once again so tragically brought home to us this past week in the shooting deaths of four Marines stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

These men, Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, Lance Cpl. Skip Wells, Sgt. Carson Holmquist and Staff Sgt. David Wyatt, as all who serve in today's military, were freely volunteering their lives for the sake of their country. Now their families join countless other military families in mourning the loss of their loved ones.

The deaths of these Marines remind us to pray and to ask God to have mercy upon our country and the whole world. Mankind has not yet learned to trust completely in the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But it is He and He alone Who can lead us out of the darkness of sin, hatred and despair. He and He alone can teach us how to live in peace with one another.

May Almighty God grant eternal light, happiness and peace to the men gunned down this past week. May all men and women who have died serving in our nation's Armed Forces rest forever in the love of Christ in heaven. May the families and loved ones of all of these brave men and women know the tender compassion and gentle consolation of our kind and gracious God and the love and support of a grateful nation.

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May God grant you a peaceful week in His service.