

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2009



WELCOME TO
OF
ST. MARY THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*St. Mary's parish is a community of
Believers in Jesus Christ
That gathers together to celebrate
the mysteries of God's love.*

*We support and strengthen one another
in our commitment to the Catholic faith.*

*We serve those in need
And share with all
the Good News of God's unconditional love.*

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday 5:00 pm (vigil) Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 am & 6:00 pm

Week Days: 7:30 am Monday-Saturday

Holy Days: Check bulletin or website

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church or in the Parish Office. Completed registration forms can be dropped in the collection basket, brought, or mailed to the Parish Office.

From The Pastor:

As the first article in the Sunday Bulletin, I wish to express my gratitude for the warm welcome you continually extend to Fr. Justin Le and me. Many parishioners have introduced themselves by name, and it will take some time for me to know and remember people, as the Parish of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception appears to include many active members and lay ministers. I am grateful to God for this assignment. After nine years as pastor at St. Clare in Santa Clara, I feel quite good about a new challenge. Even though it feels like I've gone from hero to zero, I do not judge this transition a negative experience--humility is at the heart of knowing one's place before God and others.

Much of my worldly possessions are still in boxes. I make new discoveries each time I open a carefully packed box and must decide what I wish to keep or discard.

Moving is an onerous task that requires patience and time. Even so, there is an urgency to unpack my things. The friends that helped me move packed some items I never intended to take and stacked the boxes containing the things dearest to me in such a way that I will need to remove first those boxes that I consider less important. I am certain my friends did not do this intentionally, though they might wish to believe it happened this way for my own good. They would not want me to become lazy or diminish my motivation for life and goodness. Indeed, as I read the mission statement of this parish, our intention as fellow members of St. Mary is to support one another and give assurances of God's unconditional love for us. One might imagine that Catholics would do this naturally, though I suspect it is essential to remember our mission on a daily basis. For anyone to do this effectively, it will require that we first believe the same. In believing the same, we will begin to unpack the message of Jesus' good news in our daily lives. Unpacking God's Word is the discovery of self in the context of God's people, and this discovery is at the heart of Christian Spirituality.

We begin this journey together now. May the discovery we seek lead us to each other and a deeper understanding of God's love and word among us.

Fr. Rick

**REPORT ON COLLECTIONS FOR
7/12/09**

Actual:	\$16,774.21	YTD:	\$33,289.69
Goal:	\$19,186.27	YTD:	\$38,372.54
Variance:	(\$2,412.06)	YTD:	(\$106,434.03)

**This Week
at St. Mary of the
Immaculate Conception
Monday-Saturday -- Mass at 7:30 a.m.**

Sunday, July 19, 2009

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Monday, July 20, 2009

6:00-7:00pmHoly Hour of Adoration
6:30-9:00pm.....Women's Relationship Support Group

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

7:00-8:00pmCentering Prayer/Lectio Divina

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Thursday, July 23, 2009

4:00-5:00pmCentering Prayer/Lectio Divina

Friday, July 24, 2009

6:30-8:00amFriday Morning Men's Group
8:00-8:55am.....Bible Study

Saturday, July 25, 2009

*Crisis Pregnancy Collection-Pediatric Center for Life
Second Collection - Church Worship Environment*
3:30-4:30pmReconciliation

Sunday, July 26, 2009

*Crisis Pregnancy Collection-Pediatric Center for Life
Second Collection - Church Worship Environment*
9:00am.....Coffee Sunday
7:00-8:45pm.....Music & Social Justice In Our Time



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



Monday, July 20	7:30am	Patricia Cody+
Tuesday, July 21	7:30am	Paul Luu+
Wednesday, July 22	7:30am	
Thursday, July 23	7:30am	
Friday, July 24	7:30am	Scott Stapleton+
Saturday, July 25	7:30am	Mary Ellen George+
	5:00pm	Celeste Pereira+
Sunday, July 26	7:30am	St. Mary's Parishioners
	9:00am	
	11:15am	
	6:00pm	

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Rose Anna Higashi - Adult Education Director,
Young Adult Ministry, RCIA Coordinator
email: rhigashi@stmaryslg.org

YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's has an active group of young adults (ages eighteen to thirty-nine) who meet throughout the year for faith sharing, socializing and Christian service. On Friday, August 14, the Young Adults will host a barbeque at 7:00pm in the Parish Office lounge and patio. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. All young adults are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend and a side dish to share. For more information, contact: Chris Miller at camillerlg@aol.com.

The Diocese of San Jose has recently hired Bob Mallon to coordinate the Young Adult Ministry for the diocese. For information about Young Adult activities throughout the Diocese of San Jose, check Bob's website at: mallon@dsj.org.

CONVERSION TO CATHOLICISM

Are you attracted to the Catholic way of life and interested in finding out how to join the Catholic Church? RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) welcomes inquirers into Catholicism and provides information and spiritual guidance for those who are preparing to be initiated into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a year-round process and is open to adults who have already been baptized in other faith communities as well as those who have little or no religious background.

For more information, please contact Rose Anna Higashi at 354-4061 ext 135 or rhigashi@stmaryslg.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Terri Trotter - Director
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Anyone interested in sharing your faith and enriching the lives of our parish children, please consider volunteering to be a catechist. I am looking for a 3rd, and 5th grade catechist (starting in September) on Monday afternoons from 4:00-5:15pm. I will support you in any way possible, so please consider this important ministry.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Terri @ 354-4061x122.

We are interested in reviving our Summer Vacation Bible Camp for the summer of 2010. We are looking for 2-3 people to help coordinate the week long camp for children ages 4 years old-4th grade. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Terri Trotter.

LET US PRAY or our parishioners who are sick, especially, *Don and Ruth Inghram & Carol Mc Donald* that Jesus be their source of strength and comfort.



WAV

WELCOMING ALL VOICES
Carol Thornton, Youth Director
email: cth Thornton@stmaryslg.org

Sacred Heart – Saratoga Dance on August 2 *All High School Teens Welcome*

The newest addition to the DSJ summer activities is a high school dance at our neighboring parish Sacred Heart in Saratoga. The date is Sunday, August 2 from 8:00 – 11:00 pm in Geary hall (gym). The cost is \$10.00, which will cover the D.J., snacks and a contribution to the American Cancer Society. ID required at the door.

Sacred Heart is requesting **ADVANCE REGISTRATION/PERMISSION SLIP AND PAYMENT – and this is due to Carol by Friday, July 24.** Please find the registration/permission slip on our website under WAV.

Reminder:

During the summer months the Youth Directors of the Diocese of San Jose collaborate on activities that are open to all DSJ teens. The following activities are scheduled for July:

- July 19 – Mass on the Beach; Steve Do, Holy Spirit, sdo@holyspiritchurch.org
- July 22, 29 – Scripture & Swim; Andrew Brown, Holy Family, andrew.brown@holyfamilysanjose.com
- July 30 – Drive In Movie Night; Val Liberty, St. Simon, vliberty812@aol.com

If you want to attend any (or ALL!!!) of these fun events please email the contact person for all details and a permission slip. Any questions? Call Carol 354-4061 X121.

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO START LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ST. MARY'S COUNTRY FAIR

It's that time of year again when we ask and NEED your help with the St. Mary's Country Fair! We need committee members to help create this event and sponsors who will advertise and financially support it. We will be sending out sponsorship packets soon. Currently, we are looking to fill committee positions to help create this amazing event for children and families. Last month, we received help from one parishioner however we have 12+ more positions to fill by next week. Yikes! Positions like supply chair, accounting, yard, security, sponsorships, booth organizer, donations etc. Thank you in advance for your support! Annette and Tina - 09th Fair Chairs. To find out more go to our social network site at www.countryfair.ning.com or annet-tenystrom@yahoo.com. See you at the Fair Oct 9-11, 2009.

Pastoral Care & Community Ministry

Jane Ferguson, Director
email: jferguson@stmaryslg.org

Visit Our Website at

<http://www.stmaryslg.org/parish/pastoral-care.html>

Social Disparities and Health Series

"Collateral Damage..." July 23, 7-9 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, 13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga

Two billion people worldwide are infected with the TB bacillus, but only 9 million people a year actually get the disease. The story of the Marshall Islands can help us understand why. All are invited to view this episode from the award-winning PBS documentary, "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" The episode on "Collateral Damage" will be shown at our neighboring Catholic parish, Sacred Heart Church in Saratoga.

Music and Social Justice

By Local Composer and JustFaith Alumni

Henry Mollicone

Sunday, July 26th at 7 p.m. in Hofmann Center

Everyone is invited to this lecture by Saratoga-based composer Henry Mollicone. Mr. Mollicone, an alumni of St. Mary's JustFaith program, will explore the ways music has been used by composers and musicians to raise awareness, and sometimes funding, for social justice issues. The talk will include references to the South African struggle against apartheid, the civil rights movement of the 1960s to the present day, with a look back into the slavery of the 19th century. Musical examples, in both the popular and classical traditions are provided to illustrate the great importance and power of music in addressing these issues. Examples include music from Joan Baez, John Lennon, Malena Makeba, Ronnie Gilbert of The Weavers, and classical composers Benjamin Britten, Dimitri Shostakovich, and a soulful performance of Wade In The Water sung by Fannie Lou Hammer.

If you would like to bring an appetizer to share at this event, please arrive a little early, Call Jane at 354-4061 ext 123 for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Volunteer Your Time, Talent, or Treasure

Please Consider Being a Part of Our Youth Ministry Team!

Share your talents with our teens!

In order to reach out and support our young people in their Catholic faith we need the love and gifts of a wide variety of our parishioners. Can you pray for us? Are you able to lead a small group? Do you like being involved in retreats? Can you cook or bake? Can you pick up and deliver snacks? Do you have a story to share? Are you a good listener? We need and welcome you! Please call Carol at 354-4061 x121 to see how you can lend a hand.

July 25 & 26

Pediatric Center For Life to benefit

The crisis pregnancy ministry will be collecting diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, new or gently used baby and children's clothing sizes newborn to 5T, baby blankets, bottles, hooded towels, pacifiers, baby soap and shampoo at all of the masses on July 25 & 26. The items collected this month will be donated to the Pediatric Center for Life, which provides medical care, counseling and resources for low-income, pregnant women in Santa Clara County.

Support Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho, South Africa

Special Collection at all St. Mary's Masses Aug. 8-9

There are almost 100 native Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho (in South Africa) who are serving the needs of their people in one of the world's poorest regions. Christianity is the country's dominant religion. Sister Nicki Thomas, our school principal at St. Mary's, has visited with her Sisters in Lesotho as they run schools and operate health clinics for thousands of children and their families in need. The Sisters care for many of the children who are orphaned as a result of their parents dying from the HIV/AIDS epidemic in this region. You can support the work of the Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho through your charitable donations, which may be offered at a special collection at all the masses at St. Mary's the weekend of August 8th and 9th. 100% of your gift helps the Sisters carry out their ministries. No gift is too small. To contribute, please bring your cash or checks (payable to Sisters of the Holy Names/Lesotho) to St. Mary's Church, August 8-9, for our special collection. You may also drop your donations off in the St. Mary's School Office, or mail them directly to **Sisters of the Holy Names, Lesotho Projects**, P.O. Box 907, Los Gatos, CA 95031.

Thank you.

To help publicize the Lesotho special collection, can you help distribute bookmarks to parishioners after one of our church Masses August 1-2? If so, please call 354-4061 ext 123.