

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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.



Pastor's Letter

ONCE AND FUTURE THINGS

Among us there is the experience of singular events that open the doors to the future. In my short time here at St. Mary, I am humbled by and grateful to so many that accept the mantle of servant leadership. Each in his or her own way have vision for developing, organizing, and preparing the seasons and celebrations that call everyone to recognize our common heritage as Catholics in the parish of St. Mary. Our heritage is the Word of God among us--this is our principle motivation for serving the wider community, and it is impressive to witness among the leaders and members of the parish.

In the short span of one month, I have met many people--I'm still learning your names and faces and sometimes I forget or confuse a name with a face and vice versa. To move into the central leadership role as pastor does not happen with immediacy. Indeed, I've learned from experience that such transitions usually take a year or so. This is a transition period in which I will learn much about how things and people work together. From a poetic stand, parishes are living, breathing organisms--each having a life and style of their own. It might seem as though a seasoned pastor could simply apply knowledge and experience from previous pastorates to a new one, alas this diminishes his capacity for understanding and may impose on people a model for parish life that does not exist at a given parish. Consequently, it is important for me to know and listen to you first so that I may understand and hopefully be able to apply my knowledge and experience in the most useful way. Still, I realize that no amount of time is sufficient to know a parish and its members entirely. One could be here a lifetime, be very sociable, and remain oblivious to every member or even every event.

Though this is the case, I am not discouraged. On the contrary, I remain very hopeful because there are so many good people in leadership positions here. They have offered their help and the help of others if they are incapable of providing what is necessary. I know this from last Saturday's day of recollection with the Parish Pastoral Council at Presentation Center. Already we are making plans for this year's work as a council. For the above mentioned reasons, we agreed to hold a town hall style meeting sometime near the spring of 2010. "One on one" interviews with other leaders and focus groups will precede the town hall meeting. With preceding interviews and focus group meetings, we will begin to glimpse our strengths, the areas needing improvement, and the principle concerns of parishioners. The process will direct the future course we set for this parish as we advance the mission statement the Pastoral Council presented some time ago.

It is most edifying to be part of a community of believers dedicated to parish life and community. Even though you may not serve as a leader in the parish, one may readily see how good the people of St. Mary are. I remain encouraged by your spirit of service and enthusiasm for the mission and work of our faith and I trust that together we will advance the goodness of God's blessing in our parish and the surrounding community.

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

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Second Collection-
Lesotho Mission Sisters of the Holy Names

Monday, August 10, 2009

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

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

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

9:30-11:00amHealth Ministry Team
7:00-9:30pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, August 13, 2009

4:00-5:00pmCentering Prayer / Lectio Divina
6:30-8:30pmCountry Fair Meeting

Friday, August 14, 2009

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

Saturday, August 15, 2009

3:30-4:30pmReconciliation

Sunday, August 16, 2009



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



Monday, August 10	7:30am	Robert White+
Tuesday, August 11	7:30am	Special Intention
Wednesday, August 12	7:30am	Special Intention
Thursday, August 13	7:30am	
Friday, August 14	7:30am	Jim Petrinovich+
Saturday, August 15	7:30am	Robert White+
	5:00pm	Tony Rose+
Sunday, August 16	7:30am	Foley Family+
	9:00am	Sue Burns+
	11:15am	Mateo Martino+
	6:00pm	St. Mary's Parishioners

REPORT ON COLLECTIONS FOR

8/02/09

Actual:	\$18,394.71	YTD:	\$81,266.80
Goal:	\$19,186.27	YTD:	\$95,931.35
Variance:	(\$791.56)	YTD:	(\$14,664.55)

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Rose Anna Higashi - Adult Education Director,
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YOUNG ADULTS

FREE BARBECUE - ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, August 14, 7-10 PM

Parish Office Lounge and Patio

The St. Mary's Young Adults Group will host a barbecue for all young adults (ages 18-39), single or married.

All young adults are welcome and are encouraged to invite friends, including those who are not members of St. Mary's parish. St. Mary's will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Chris Miller at camillerlg@aol.com.

RCIA AT ST MARY'S

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a year-round process to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church. Currently at St. Mary's, we have six unbaptized adults and thirteen adults who have already been baptized in the RCIA process. They are learning about the Mass, Catholic devotional practices, Church history, scripture, Sacraments, and Catholic morality and social justice.

For more information about Inquiry into Catholicism and the RCIA Process, please contact: Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Education and the RCIA at (408) 354-4061, ext 135 or rhigashi@stmaryslg.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Terri Trotter - Director
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Catechetical Ministries

Registration packets for all Faith Formation programs, pre-school through high school were mailed out on Friday, July 24 to all families in the parish. If you did not receive a packet, they will be available in the Pastoral Ministries Office or on our website.

We are looking for junior volunteers (7th grade through high school), to help facilitate small group activities for our Sunday morning pre-school and kindergarten faith formation program. We begin on Sunday, Sept. 13 and we meet during the 9:00a.m. mass. If you are interested, please call Terri at 354-4061x122.



LET US PRAY For our parishioners who are sick, especially, *Jensen Barrett* that Jesus be her source of strength and comfort.

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WELCOMING ALL VOICES

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Focus: Faith in Sports Illustrated

Tim Tebow – Man of Many Missions

OK, I'll admit it – I'm not a big football fan, but my curiosity was piqued when the July 27 issue of Sports Illustrated arrived at our home. On the cover was a strong, determined looking, football player who had PHIL under one eye and 4:13 under the other. The passage, written by St. Paul, states: **"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME."** It's a bold statement of faith. I settled down to read the article.

I discovered why Tim Tebow was on the cover of SI after the first few paragraphs – he won the Heisman Trophy (most outstanding player in collegiate football [as a college sophomore, youngest recipient]), the Davey O'Brien Award (nation's best quarterback) and the James E. Sullivan Award (nation's most outstanding amateur athlete in any sport).

But, I also learned that this 21 year old, University of Florida senior, is the son of Christian missionaries, is a devout conservative Christian, has spent three recent summers in the Philippines working in an orphanage that is part of his father's on-going missionary work, and is actively engaged in ministry with prisoners in the Florida Department of Corrections.

His message of encouragement to prison inmates is rooted in his life experience of faith and football – he stresses the importance of "finishing strong". He acknowledges "Jesus as the greatest gift in my life" to men who "have no hope, no support, who have been totally written off by the world." At the end of his speech, he poses a question, "If you were to die right now, where would you be?" "For me," he says, "I have an answer to that question...I'm going to heaven because I have Jesus Christ in my life."

I sat back and pondered his question for a moment. I invite you now to do the same – "If you were to die right now, where would you be?"

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2009



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Because the Assumption falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation in 2009, although the faithful are still encouraged to mark the day with some form of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift and model of Mary in the life of the Church

Pastoral Care & Community Ministry

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Visit Our Website at

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

**“Place Matters: Where You Live Predicts Your Health”
Deanery 5 Justice Series – Thurs., Aug. 20, 7-9 PM**

St. Mary’s Parish, Hofmann Center

Please join us for Segment 5 of the award-winning PBS documentary, Unnatural Causes...Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" A discussion following the film will be facilitated by Paul Hepfer, Vice President of Programs for the Health Trust. This segment of the PBS series explores why your neighborhood is such a good predictor of health, and how neglected neighborhoods expose residents to constant stress with few resources to cope. Presented by the parishes of Deanery 5 with Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Step Up Silicon Valley, and the Health Trust. For more information, call (408) 354-4061 x123 or email jferguson@stmaryslg.org.

eScrip Reminder

Just a friendly reminder it is time to renew your Safeway Club Cards with eScrip. Just go to www.escrip.com and click “renew.” Thank you for your continuous and uninterrupted support. Safeway is the only merchant you need to renew.

What is eScrip? eScrip is a way to support St. Mary’s School at NO Cost to you. All you have to do is go to www.escrip.com and register your Safeway club card (and any other credit card you would like to add). Every time you use your Safeway Club card or a credit card you registered at a participating merchant, St. Mary’s will receive a percentage of your sales. Did I mention it’s FREE. St. Mary’s school ID# is 137010173.

If you don’t have access to a computer or simply just want us to do all the work, just fill out the bottom portion and return it in the collection basket, school or parish office or call Jill Baumel at 358-2979 or email me at Jill_Baumel@hotmail.com and I can take all your information. It’s FREE! Thanks for your support!

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**Volunteer
Your Time, Talent, or Treasure**

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**Volunteer at the Santee Mission
Teach ESL to our neighboring Catholic Community**

St. Mary’s parishioner, Marcia Green, RN, who volunteers with several of our other parishioners at the Santee Mission, which is run by the Sisters of the Holy Names, has initiated a call for other volunteers from St. Mary’s to help out at the mission. Marcia writes, "In an effort to better address the issue of school dropouts in their Latino community, the Catholic community of the Santee mission in East San Jose are inviting volunteers to assist in teaching English (ESL) to their adult community. Training and materials will be provided. Time: 6p.m.-7p.m. or 7p.m.-8p.m. two evenings per week beginning in September. Carpooling is an option." Please contact Jane Ferguson 408-354-4061 ext. 125 or jferguson@stmargslg.org for more information.

Volunteer at Catholic Charities

For a list of opportunities visit their website at <http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/>

Volunteer at Sacred Heart Community Services

For a list of opportunities visit their website at <http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/>