

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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*



Fr. Rick is on vacation this week. His weekly letter will resume when he returns relaxed and rejuvenated.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, August 24</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Dola Dinno +
<b>Tuesday, August 25</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Ann Longo +
<b>Wednesday, August 26</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Richard Prsha+
<b>Thursday, August 27</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Friday, August 28</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 29</b>	<b>7:30am</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Celeste Pereira+
<b>Sunday, August 30</b>	<b>7:30am</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>11:15am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	Gertrude Hay + St. Mary's Parishioners Mike Gallo+

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**REPORT ON COLLECTIONS FOR  
8/16/09**

Actual:	\$17,532.50	YTD:	\$117,564.46
Goal:	\$19,186.27	YTD:	\$134,303.89
Variance:	(\$1,653.77)	YTD:	(\$19,361.76)

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

**Sunday, August 23, 2009**

*Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Monday, August 24, 2009**

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

**Tuesday, August 25, 2009**

7:00-8:00pm .....Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

7:00-9:30pm.....Choir Practice

**Thursday, August 27, 2009**

4:00-5:00pm .....Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

**Friday, August 28, 2009**

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

**Saturday, August 29, 2009**

3:30-4:30pm .....Reconciliation

**Sunday, August 30, 2009**

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Second Collection - Church Worship Environment*

**St. Patrick's Seminary GALA**

The 2nd annual St. Patrick's Seminary GALA takes place at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco on Friday, September 18th at 7:30PM. Individuals interested in coming or sponsoring a table or individual seminarian places at table can purchase tickets through Fr. Jim McKarney or the seminary. Individual seats are \$150 and a table is \$1750. Table sponsors receive 10 seats at a table, recognition in our GALA program, and special donor seating at the GALA. Interested persons can contact either me at frjamesmck@gmail.com or our development director assistant Mary Verducci at (650) 325-5621 or mary.verducci@stpatricksseminary.org

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

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Young Adult Ministry, RCIA Coordinator  
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### 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](mailto:rhigashi@stmaryslg.org)

### THE ST. MARY'S SPIRITUALITY COUNCIL

The St. Mary's Spirituality Council has just completed its first year of existence. The group was organized a year ago to work in conjunction with the other councils in our parish to support the St. Mary's mission statement.

The mission statement of the Spirituality Council is as follows:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the purpose of the St. Mary's Spirituality Council is to provide opportunities, encouragement and support, within our parish community, to deepen our relationship with God in our daily lives.

During the past year, the Spirituality Council organized a variety of events to support spiritual growth among our parishioners. Some of these events included: Wine and Cheese with the Pastor (including a question and answer session about any aspect of Catholicism); the Spiritual Book Club, a presentation on "The Stained Glass Windows at St. Mary's " with Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski, Professor of Humanities at San Jose State University and Wesley Hogan, stained glass designer and artisan; Christmas Traditions in Other Countries; "Music in the Mass" with St. Mary's Music Director Corliss Greene; "Welcoming Prayer Workshop" with Cherry Haisten; "Pilgrimage and the Labyrinth" with Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski, a Lenten presentation and devotional experience; and "Who is God?" an Easter Mission with Dr. Pamela Bjorklund. The Spirituality Council met on August 15 to begin planning spiritual activities for the adults in our parish for the coming year. Please pray for the members of the Spirituality Council and support the activities they will be sponsoring this year at St. Mary's. The members of the Council are:

Josie Cirone, Anne Griffin, Jane Hetherington, Rose Anna Higashi, Loreen Huddleston, Carrie Kaufmann, Bob Kutter, Valerie Lozowicki, Denis Lynch, Cynthia Rostankowski, Carole Sgarlata and John Thielmann.

## WAV

### WELCOMING ALL VOICES

Carol Thornton, Youth Director  
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### Steve Angrisano Coming to San Jose

*Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 7:00pm to 9:30 pm*

The Youth Ministry Group from Most Holy Trinity Church invites you to share a night with the talented and charismatic musician Steve Angrisano. Steve has been sharing his gifts as a youth ministry and music leader in Highlands Ranch, CO for 13 years. His unique blend of songs, stories, and interactive audience participation have made him a popular presenter. He has been featured at major Catholic conferences and events around the world, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, LA Religious Education Congress and World Youth Days in Rome, Germany and Sydney, Australia. Check out Steve's current engagements and listen to a sample of his music at OCP Publications, [www.ocp.org](http://www.ocp.org).

Tickets cost \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. St Mary's will have a limited block of tickets for sale at a reduced rate of \$7.50 per ticket. Contact Carol at 354-4061 x 121.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Terri Trotter - Director  
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A Blessing for us all:

May our inner vision be transformed so that we can see more clearly our own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope, bondedness

May our God be someone we can lean on in our weak or painful moments. May we know God as our rock, our shelter, our strength, our wing of comfort and support.

May we be aware of all the places our feet carry us. May we know how beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news.

May we not be afraid of the questions that press upon our minds and hearts. May we welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their own answers. May we be the ones with welcome in our smiles and hello etched upon our hands, the hands that we extend to everyone who blesses us with their presence.

May ours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May we face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth.

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within us until we can taste the tears of our sisters and brothers.

May we awake each morning with thank you on our lips and in our hearts, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing. May our friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as we struggle to find our way in life.

May our spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the dreams of God for us. May our prayer be that of wisdom, guidance and a deeper understanding of God's way for us.

**Pastoral Care & Community Ministry**

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Visit Our Website at

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

**“Annual Labor in the Pulpits**

**Sept. 5-6 at all St. Mary’s Masses**

Jesuit Volunteer Aimee Nichols and Rev. Rebecca Kuiken will speak at all of St. Mary’s Masses during the 11th annual Labor in the Pulpits this coming Labor Day weekend, September 6-7.

Labor in the Pulpits is deeply rooted in the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, which emphasizes the dignity of work and the rights of workers. This event is co-sponsored by the Interfaith Council on Economic Justice and the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, and endorsed by the Catholic Diocese of San Jose.

This year, the focus will be on all Christians in Silicon Valley standing in support of local hotel workers in their quest to earn enough to provide for their families’ basic needs, and to be treated with justice and dignity. Catholic social teaching states that the economy must serve people and not the other way around. Dr. Ray Marshall, former secretary of labor, refers to the increasing disparity in wages as the Achilles heel of the economy.

Test your knowledge of the Achilles heel of the economy with these questions (look for more questions in next week’s bulletin)

- 1) In the economy at large, what has been the most important factor in maintaining or increasing family income?
  - a. Higher wages.
  - b. Good stock returns.
  - c. Two adults working
- 2) Between 1980 and 1997, after adjusting for inflation, the minimum wage fell 15 percent, the average hourly wage declined by 3 percent, and corporate profits rose by 118 percent. How much did CEO pay increase?
  - a. 336%
  - b. 436%
  - c. 536%

Answers:

- 1) The most significant factor over the last 20 years in maintaining and increasing family income has been putting two adults into the workforce. Without increasing the number of workers, family incomes would have fallen dramatically. This is clearly a factor in parents spending 40 percent less time with their children.
- 2) CEO pay increased 536% during this period (source: AFL-CIO).

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

*Help Staff a Table After Mass*

**Support Labor in the Pulpits Sept. 6-7**

Help staff a table at one of the masses Sept. 5-6 in connection with the Labor in the Pulpits annual event. After mass, parishioners will have the opportunity to sign a “Statement of Principles” in keeping with Catholic social teaching on the rights of workers to express their concern for a living wage, healthcare, the right to organize, and to receive dignity and respect in the workplace. Can you help us gather signatures after one of the masses? If so, call (408) 354-4061 ext 123.

Thank you.

*“You Visited Me”*

**Become A Nursing Home Ombudsmen!**

Visit a nursing home or assisting living facility, listen to the residents, investigate complaints and resolve problems. Catholic Charities provides training and the State provides certification. Orientation is Wed., Sept. 2 from 1-3 PM. To learn more, contact Marlene Siebert, (408) 325-5260 or e-mail [marlenes@ccsj.org](mailto:marlenes@ccsj.org)

**Volunteer at the Santee Mission**

**Teach ESL to our neighboring Catholic Community**

St. Mary’s parishioners Marcia Green, RN, as well as Mary Ann Bruno, have 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 Mary Ann Bruno at [ma-bruno@comcast.net](mailto:ma-bruno@comcast.net) for more information.

Talent Show

St. Mary’s Talent Show Committee is scouting for the best local amateur talents to compete in the 16th annual St. Mary’s Country Fair Talent Show. There is fame and fortune at this ever popular family event, so apply NOW. Auditions will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009. Application deadline is September 10, 2009. To receive an application email [fair\\_chairs@stmaryslg.org](mailto:fair_chairs@stmaryslg.org) or [sbonini@earthlink.net](mailto:sbonini@earthlink.net).