

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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

AND NOW WE BEGIN TOGETHER THIS NEW YEAR! Schedules do not always correspond with seasons--for instance, New Year's Day. These days--at least for me--New Year's Eve and Day seem anti-climactic. Christmas comes, then the New Year Celebration, and without much preparation we are marking the next annual number to signify the new year. Why don't we celebrate the New Year at the end of summer? With vacations ending, it would appear more appropriate--at least it would make more sense of this article's title. We agree the school year ends with the onset of summer and begins with summer's end. And parish life is quite similar. Many would agree that the collections are lower in the summer since fewer parishioners are in town and consequently contribute to the Church at their vacation locale. Now, everyone is returning, the summer months are waning, and school and parish events begin to reappear on the family schedule.

For us, these become the traditions, seasons, and events of life that give semblance to an otherwise vacuous concept: namely, time. How do we best use our limited resource of time to synchronize with what is universally and personally meaningful? Many would agree that our most productive and best use of time is the concerted effort we make not so much as individuals rather as groups working cooperatively together. I suspect there are those that may disagree with this statement, and there are certainly times when I too would rather do things on my own because it is simply more difficult to involve others in the work at hand. I guess the real trick is to know the difference between how one might contribute to the group effort, and to distinguish between what work requires a committee and what does not. Without question, to successfully accomplish the work of parish and school requires a cooperative group effort.

Listening to Fr. Rolheiser, he is confounded to see so many angry people working in the Church. Unfortunately, he is not wrong. It would seem that people working to bring God's Kingdom to birth might otherwise be joyful. Anecdotaly, once while waiting 2 hours in line to ride the "Indiana Jones Attraction" at Disneyland an attendant said to us, "Why are you looking so glum? You're in the Happiest Place on Earth!" I felt like throttling this misinformed lad though such would be unbecoming of anyone even without a clerical shirt. Can we use what time we have without counting the cost to our personal time or becoming enraged when said time is usurped? This a difficult question for the ethos in which we live because it will cause us to reconsider what time and effort we will give to the common good or the concerted effort. Some projects require the efforts of many thinking as one while others require that each be responsible to the work at hand--washing one's clothes does not require a committee. In any case, with what time is granted to us, we are meant to find what is truly meaningful and direct our energy and effort there.

No doubt, the children and families of St. Mary Parish will be high on the list of what brings real meaning and purpose. As we start the new school and parish year, we return to work. Whether at school or employment, these activities have less meaning if we do not see them as attributable to the abilities God grants to us. Without faith, it is far more difficult to believe that what we do has any meaning at all. In our joining together for group or personal projects, may we see the hand of God as the path of certain meaning and purpose in our lives. In this way, we begin together this new year!

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

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection - Church Worship Environment
Coffee SundayAfter 11:15am Mass

Monday, August 31, 2009

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

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

7:30-9:00pmPastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

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

Thursday, September 3, 2009

4:00-5:00pmCentering Prayer
7:00-9:00pmBack-to-School Night

Friday, September 4, 2009

8:00-8:55am.....Bible Study
9:00am-5:00pm.....Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, September 5, 2009

Second Collection - School Support
3:30-4:30pmReconciliation

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection - School Support



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



Monday, August 31	7:30am	Mary Heider +
Tuesday, September 1	7:30am	Chuck Brink +
Wednesday, September 2	7:30am	Olivia Alvernaz +
Thursday, September 3	7:30am	Betty Markarian +
Friday, September 4	7:30am	George Kraw +
Saturday, September 5	7:30am	Barbara Baxter +
	5:00pm	Eva Tomko +
Sunday, September 6	7:30am	Donald B. McGilvra +
	9:00am	Alycia Byrne Reilly +
	11:15am	Julia Madsen, <i>Spec. Int.</i>
	6:00pm	St. Mary's Parishioners

**REPORT ON COLLECTIONS FOR
8/23/09**

Actual:	\$17,686.00	YTD:	\$135,250.46
Goal:	\$19,186.27	YTD:	\$153,490.16
Variance:	(\$1,500.27)	YTD:	(\$20,862.03)

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Rose Anna Higashi - Adult Education Director,
Young Adult Ministry, RCIA Coordinator
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How Does an Adult Become Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA prepares adults for initiation into the Catholic Church. This process involves several months of learning about and experiencing the Catholic way of life, culminating in the Sacraments of Initiation-- Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Previously baptized Christians from other faith communities are also welcome to join the RCIA process. Currently we have twenty-five adults at St. Mary's in various stages of formation in the RCIA process.

RCIA sessions will resume on Tuesday, September 15, from 7:30-9 PM in Hofmann Center.

We will also be offering a daytime RCIA class from 12:30-2 PM in the Adult Education Office in the Parish Office Building, beginning on September 14.

For adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith but are not sure whether they want to become Catholic, we offer INQUIRY INTO CATHOLICISM sessions on alternating Tuesday evenings.

For information about RCIA or INQUIRY INTO CATHOLICISM, please contact Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Education at (408) 354-4061, ext. 135 or rhigashi@stmaryslg.org.

SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. MARY'S

The St. Mary's Scripture Study class will resume on Thursday, September 10, from 9:30-11 AM in the Conference Room in the Parish Office Building. All parishioners and friends are welcome to join this friendly group, facilitated by parishioner Michelle Parides. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke, using the Little Rock Scripture Study series, one of the most highly respected producers of Catholic Bible study materials. Study guides will be available for purchase for \$10 at the September 10 meeting. There are no additional fees for this class.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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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.

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.

ST. MARY'S 55+ SENIORS GROUP

POTLUCK LUNCH

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17TH - 12:00 PM

Those of us who attend on a regular basis have voted to change our meeting times to the third Thursday of each month and to have a potluck lunch. We'll gather in the Hofmann Center. Please bring your favorite dish to share with at least ten people. Also, bring your own eating utensils, tableware, and drinking glass or cup. We'll have coffee and water, and whatever else someone wants to bring. Any questions, email Helen Williams, photochik1@sbcglobal.net, or call Marietta Riney, 395-6197. Hope to see you soon.

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 or sbonini@earthlink.net.



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

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, or e-mail jferguson@stmaryslg.org Thank you.

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 for more information.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On behalf of the Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho I would like to say a big thank you for your generosity and support for our ministries in Lesotho.

In the era of HIV/AIDS in Lesotho we are facing many challenges and we desire to respond positively so that our people may have life in abundance. Your donation will enable us to respond to the needs of orphans and the people who are affected by HIV/AIDS, your donation will give them a chance to live longer. Furthermore many vulnerable children will be able to stay in school to get education so that they can have a better future.

Your donation will help the sisters to touch many lives positively because we will be able to sustain our projects that are meant to help the orphans, the sick and the poor students who have been directly or indirectly affected by the pandemic.

Thank you once again. May God bless you for responding generously to the cry of the poor. May Blessed Marie-Rose pray for you for being partners in the ministries she has started in Lesotho.

In Jesus and Mary,
 Sr. Bathilda