

FIRST READING

Give Your servant...an understanding heart.
1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

PSALM

The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Psalms 119

SECOND READING

Those He justified He also glorified.
Romans 8: 28-30

GOSPEL

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.

Matthew 13: 44-52



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JULY 2008

All things work for good
for those who love God.

Romans 8: 28

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 27 JUL - 02 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Irene Stelmach
	05:30 PM	† Maria Trinidad Valencia
TUE	07:30 AM	† Felipe Yu
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Tony Stadler
	05:30 PM	Lucienne Woods; Special intention
THU	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Rev. Jerry Phalan
FRI	07:30 AM	† John Carbray, Jr.
	05:30 PM	† Renate Brewster and Etta Ritson
SAT	08:00 AM	Bonnie and George Ty



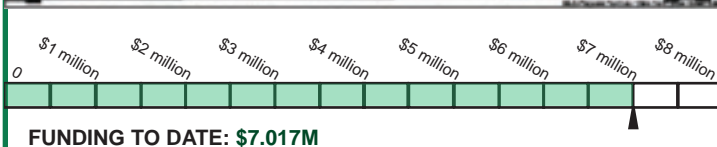
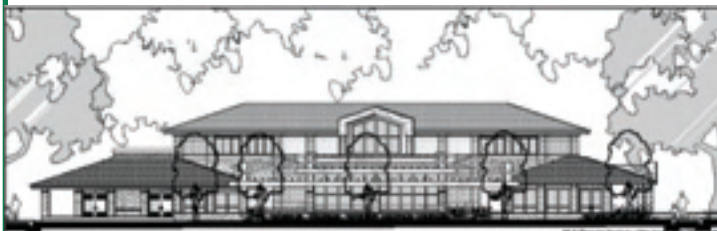
MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
27 JUL	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
28 JUL	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
29 JUL	(Tuesday)	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
30 JUL	(Wednesday)	
31 JUL	(Thursday)	
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
01 AUG	(Friday)	
	07:00 PM	Young Professional Catholic Women
02 AUG	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)



NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
12-13 JUL

TOTAL:	\$	9,634
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	32,720
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	109,500

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

29 JUL (Tuesday):

SAINT MARTHA

The sister of **Saints Lazarus** and **Mary of Bethany**, she was a friend of Jesus and a hostess to Him in her house. She is believed to have taken part in an early mission to France (Gaul).

31 JUL (Thursday):

SAINT IGNATIUS of LOYOLA, Priest (1491-1556)

Ignatius was born at Loyola in Spain. He served his king as a courtier and a soldier until his thirtieth year. To pass the time of his convalescence after a cannon ball lamed his right leg, he asked for books; the life of Christ and lives of the saints were brought to him. He dedicated himself to Jesus through the intercession of Mary, and founded the **Society of Jesus (Jesuits)**. His *Spiritual Exercises* are, to this day, an essential guide for retreatants.



PRAY THE ROSARY

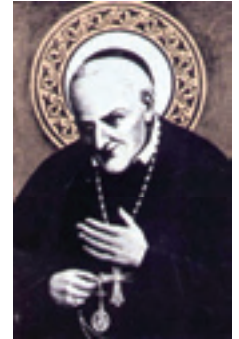
Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our **Blessed Mother** to **Lucia** at **Fatima**
13 October 1917

01 AUG (Friday):

SAINT ALPHONSUS MARIA DE LIGUORI, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1696-1787)

Neapolitan lawyer (at the age of 16) who became a priest and founder of a new religious order, the **Redemptorists**, devoted to missionary work. He is noted for his opposition to Jansenism, and for his profuse writings, particularly his devotional works.



02 AUG (Saturday):

OUR LADY of the ANGELS of PORTIUNCULA

The town and parish of **Portiuncula** is about three-quarters of a mile from **Assisi**. In the basilica of Our Lady of the Angels, **St. Francis** recognized his vocation, spent most of his life, and died on 26 October 1226.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

ALTAR SERVERS

Applications are being taken for Nativity Altar servers. If you are in the 4th grade or older and would like to become an Altar Server please contact **Fr. Roland** at **650/323-7914**. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church or on-line at www.nativitystars.com.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Our new study series, The Acts of the Apostles, will begin on **16 September 2008**. This will be a 20-week series that focuses on the new Christian Church featuring figures who knew Christ intimately. See how those early Christians lived and spread the Gospel. This study will coincide nicely with the *Year of St. Paul* as so much of it is on his life and travels. Call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** for information, **650/322-3013**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 August 2008**, we will hold our next monthly Fatima celebration. It begins with Holy Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the appearance, rosary procession, and Eucharistic healing service. Please join us. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013**.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will begin again on **07 September 2008**, from **08:20-09:20 AM**. These classes are held at Nativity School. Registration will be mailed to continuing students in July. Families that are new to the program may register on the first day of class or call **Sister Merlynn Martin** at **650/327-2318** or **650/289-0389**.

NATIVITY BOOK CLUB

The **Nativity Book Club** will **not meet** in July. We will return on **Friday, 15 August 2008**, from **10:00-11:30 AM**, in the O'Hare Center. The book we will be discussing at that time is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. Any questions, please call **Bart Phelps** at **650/854-7526** or **Cathy Enciso** at **650/854-8915**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come to visit our Lord during the week, as the church is open 24x7 and He awaits you. Also, everyone is encouraged to sign up for one hour. This will ensure your weekly meeting with Jesus. You may sign up for any hour. Please consider the following hours which currently have no one assigned:

THU: 10:00 AM

FRI: 10:00 AM

Please call **650/322-3013** for more information or to sign up.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We congratulate

- **Richard Del Ben** and **Melissa West**



on their recent marriage at Nativity. May this couple grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Jeanne** and **Michael Moeschler**
- **Adrienne O'Brien**



AN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER!

We would like to welcome **Fr. Domenico Pompili**, a cousin of parishioner Mario Pompili, who will be staying at Nativity during the month of August. Fr. Domenico is the spokesman for the Italian Episcopal Conference and is coming to the United States to learn English. We should encourage him to practice it as much as possible!

Also, **Fr. Derek** will spend his summer vacation at Nativity, arriving on **01 August 2008** and leaving **15 September 2008**. I know you will make them feel welcome.

Msgr. Otellini

EVENING OF REFLECTION

Join us for an **Evening of Reflection** for young professional Catholics [23-40+]! We will be pleased to have **Fr. Chad Wahl, LC** as our speaker.

Topic: *The 12 Stations of St. Peter's:
A Journey of Faith Through Art*

When: **Friday, 01 August 2008, 07:00-09:00 PM**

Where: The **O'Hare Center** at Nativity

For more information please contact **Mattie** at mattie_taormina@yahoo.com or **916/849-5038**.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All mothers are invited to join us for prayer and fellowship on **Friday, 08 August 2008** from **10:30 AM-12:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Please bring your little ones with you! Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.

NATIVITY RESPECT LIFE

Please join us in saying the Rosary outside a nearby abortion clinic on First Saturday, **02 August 2008**. We meet between the O'Hare Center and the Church after the **08:00 AM** Mass on Saturday before heading over. Contact **Eileen** at **650/799-4722**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PROFESSOR NEEDS HOUSING

A newly-hired female professor at **St. Patrick's Seminary** is in need of housing beginning in **August** for the new school year. If you have or know of a rental opportunity, please contact **Msgr. Otellini** at **650/323-7914**.

TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST

EWTN cable television will again have many specials for the month of August. Here are a few: *Where Saints Go*, the story of **St. Jean Vianney**, **the Cure of Ars** will be aired on **02 August** at **06:00 PM** and on **07 August** at **10:00 AM**. *St. Clare of Assisi* will show on **09 August** at **05:00 PM** and **14 August** at **10:00 AM**. *Musical Concert: Dialogue of Francis and Clare*, **10 August** at **10:30 AM** and **16 August** at **12:00 AM**. On **15 August**, there will be a special program on the Vocation of Marriage as a path to holiness. It shows at **12:00 AM** and **03:30 PM**. EWTN is found on the DISH network at channel 261, Direct TV 422, and Comcast channels 229 or 74. Check their home page at ewtn.com for complete listings or to hear their programs over the internet.

MARRIED COUPLES:

Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. Go to www.sf.lovemoredeeply.org or call **Paul** and **Yvonne** at **650/366-7093**. Next SF-WWME Weekend is **07-09 November 2008** in **San Mateo**.

WORLD YOUTH DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Hopefully everyone had a chance to see some of the incredible and moving services and special events from **World Youth Day 2008** in **Sydney, Australia**.

EWTN has archived some video clips from WYD, including the re-enactment of Christ's Passion (the Stations of the Cross) that took place across a number of locations around Sydney harbor.

See www.ewtn.com/wyd2008/watch.htm for the archives.



Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society at 408/258-2008 or the Gabriel Project at 800/910-0191.

You are never too far gone for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **August 2008**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.

Missionary:

That the answer of the entire people of God to the common calling to holiness and mission may be promoted and fostered by means of careful discernment of charisms and constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation.



We are continuing to publish the text of the
ENCYCLICAL LETTER **SPE SALVI (SAVED BY HOPE)** OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF *BENEDICT XVI*

I. Prayer as a school of hope (cont'd.)

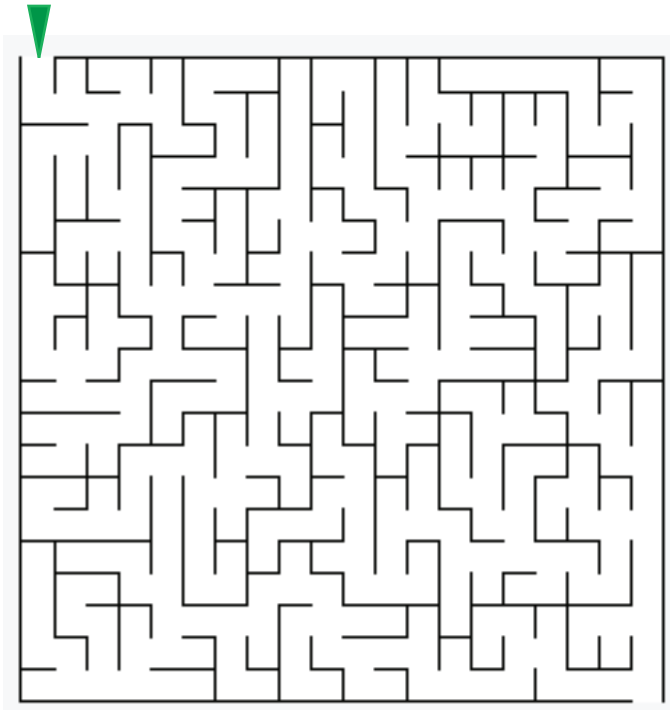
33. Saint Augustine, in a homily on the First Letter of John, describes very beautifully the intimate relationship between prayer and hope. He defines prayer as an exercise of desire. Man was created for greatness—for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched. “By delaying [his gift], God strengthens our desire; through desire he enlarges our soul and by expanding it he increases its capacity [for receiving him]”. Augustine refers to Saint Paul, who speaks of himself as straining forward to the things that are to come (cf. Phil 3:13). He then uses a very beautiful image to describe this process of enlargement and preparation of the human heart. “Suppose that God wishes to fill you with honey [a symbol of God's tenderness and goodness]; but if you are full of vinegar, where will you put the honey?” The vessel, that is your heart, must first be enlarged and then cleansed, freed from the vinegar and its taste. This requires hard work and is painful, but in this way alone do we become suited to that for which we are destined. Even if Augustine speaks directly only of our capacity for God, it is nevertheless clear that through this effort by which we are freed from vinegar and the taste of vinegar, not only are we made free for God, but we also become open to others. It is only by becoming children of God, that we can be with our common Father. To pray is not to step outside history and withdraw to our own private corner of happiness. When we pray properly we undergo a process of inner purification which opens us up to God and thus to our fellow human beings as well. In prayer we must learn what we can truly ask of God—what is worthy of God. We must learn that we cannot pray against others. We must learn that we cannot ask for the superficial and comfortable things that we desire at this moment—that meagre, misplaced hope that leads us away from God. We must learn to purify our desires and our hopes. We must free ourselves from the hidden lies with which we deceive ourselves. God sees through them, and when we come before God, we too are forced to recognize them. “But who can discern his errors? Clear me from hidden faults” prays the Psalmist (Ps 19:12 [18:13]). Failure to recognize my guilt, the illusion of my innocence, does not justify me and does not save me, because I am culpable for the numbness of my conscience and my incapacity to recognize the evil in me for what it is. If God does not exist, perhaps I have to seek refuge in these lies, because there is no one who can forgive me; no one who is the true criterion. Yet my encounter with God awakens my conscience in such a way that it no longer aims at self-justification, and is no longer a mere reflection of me and those of my contemporaries who shape my thinking, but it becomes a capacity for listening to the God itself.

34. For prayer to develop this power of purification, it must on the one hand be something very personal, an encounter between my intimate self and God, the living God. On the other hand it must be constantly guided and enlightened by the great prayers of the Church and of the saints, by liturgical prayer, in which the Lord teaches us again and again how to pray properly. Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, in his book of spiritual exercises, tells us that during his life there were long periods when he was unable to pray and that he would hold fast to the texts of the Church's prayer: the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the prayers of the liturgy. Praying must always involve this intermingling of public and personal prayer. This is how we can speak to God and how God speaks to us. In this way we undergo those purifications by which we become open to God and are prepared for the service of our fellow human beings. We become capable of the great hope, and thus we become ministers of hope for others. Hope in a Christian sense is always hope for others as well. It is an active hope, in which we struggle to prevent things moving towards the “perverse end”. It is an active hope also in the sense that we keep the world open to God. Only in this way does it continue to be a truly human hope.

(continued next week)

Young Believers Page

You are a merchant, in search of a pearl of great price. Navigate the maze to your goal, then sell all you possess to purchase it.



FIND-A-WORD

Can you locate all these words in the square full of letters?

TREASURE	FIELD
PEARL	GREAT
PRICE	MERCHANT
FURNACE	FISH
SEPARATE	WICKED
RIGHTEOUS	FIERY

R	F	W	I	I	P	S	P	G	D
X	I	T	N	A	H	C	R	E	M
B	E	G	I	N	R	E	E	T	E
O	R	P	H	A	A	N	C	A	J
X	Y	S	L	T	S	D	A	R	E
B	I	L	R	A	E	P	N	A	S
F	X	M	L	K	D	O	R	P	U
P	R	I	C	E	Y	D	U	E	S
A	F	I	E	L	D	O	F	S	Q
W	W	I	W	I	C	K	E	D	D
B	R	T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E

(Just like in our lives, JESUS is always there, too.)

International Prayer The Hail, Mary (in Tetum):

Ave Maria, grasa barak liu iha Ita-Boot,
Maromak ho Ita-Boot.
Ita-Boot di'ak liu feto hotu-hotu;
Ita-Boot nia Oan, Jezús, di'ak liu.
Santa Maria, Maromak Nia Inan,
Harohan ba Na'i Maromak tanba ami-ata
salan,
Oras ne'e ho oras ne'ebé ami-ata besik atu
mate. Amein.



Tetum is the official language (along with Portuguese) of the Republic of East Timor, a 97% Catholic country with a strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin.