

**FIRST READING**

Is it My way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

**PSALM**

Your ways, Oh Lord, make known to me.

Psalms 25

**SECOND READING**

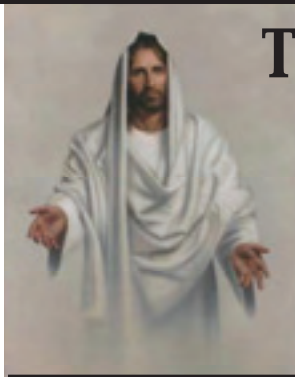
Have in you the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2: 1-11

**GOSPEL**

When John came to you ... you did not believe him.

Matthew 21: 28-32



# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 28 SEPTEMBER 2008

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

Philippians 2: 9

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 28 SEP - 04 OCT


<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† The Neylan and Cardine families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Brandon Moffatt
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Vanessa Huang
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; Tom Del Sarto
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Lou Ciardella
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Ann, Kenneth, and Gertrude Sullivan
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Alexander James Baer
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Terry Blauvelt
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Rosario Martin
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Nora Healy
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Laurie Coleman
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Swede Lenz

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS REMINDER

Deadline for item submissions is **12:00 noon Friday** by email to [nativity.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:nativity.bulletin@gmail.com), for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin 9 days later (e.g., due **03 Oct** to run **11-12 Oct**).


### MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>28 SEP</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	<i>Blood Drive</i>
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
<b>29 SEP</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
<b>30 SEP</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Acts
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Acts
<b>01 OCT</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<b>02 OCT</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>03 OCT</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
<b>04 OCT</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	
	10:00 AM	First Eucharist Parents Mtg
	10:00 AM -	Confessions
	12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM -	Confessions
	04:30 PM	(parish priest)



**NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
PHASE I**

**MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN**



\$1 million

\$2 million

\$3 million

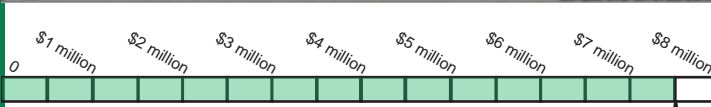
\$4 million

\$5 million

\$6 million

\$7 million

\$8 million



**FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.495M**



### PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF <b>13-14 SEP</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	<b>12,913</b>
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	<b>35,420</b>
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	<b>109,500</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

**29 SEP (Monday)**  
**SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL,**  
**and RAPHAEL, Archangels**



**30 SEP (Tuesday)**  
**ST. JEROME, Priest and Doctor**  
**of the Church (342 - 420)**

**01 OCT (Wednesday):**  
**SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS,**  
**Virgin and Doctor of the Church**  
**(1873-1897)**

Through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, this Carmelite nun of Normandy continues to teach millions to trust in the loving Fatherhood of God, and that sanctity lies not necessarily in doing great deeds, but in doing everyday deeds with great love.



**02 OCT (Thursday):**  
**GUARDIAN ANGELS, Memorial**



**04 OCT (Saturday):**  
**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI,**  
**Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders**  
**(1181-1226)**

After a carefree youth, Francis underwent a profound conversion. He renounced his family wealth and moved to the outskirts of Assisi, practicing a life of prayer, simplicity, and poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He showed particular care for the poor and the sick, and he delighted in all living creatures, whom he addressed as brother and sister. He attracted many followers, including **St. Clare of Assisi**, and their communities grew into the worldwide Franciscan Order of priests, nuns, and laity. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the climax of many supernatural events in his life.

## 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

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## GOALS (GIRLS OF ACTIVE LEARNING AND SPIRITUALITY)

Date: every **Friday**  
Time: **06:00-07:30 PM**  
Activities: FLIC<sup>2</sup>, outreach, Bible study  
For more information contact: **Monica (650/324-0297)**.

## NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE

Our third **Nativity Community Blood Drive** will be held **28 September 2008** at Church. The Stanford Bloodmobile and staff will be waiting- to gratefully accept our generous donations, to restock their shelves. Remember **THE BLOOD YOU GIVE MAY HELP SAVE A LIFE!**



## SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sign-ups for the **Small Faith Sharing Groups** for the Fall Season will take place after all Masses this weekend. The resource materials will include prayers, reflections on the Sunday readings, faith sharing questions and ideas for action responses. Groups will begin the week of **12 October 2008** for six weekly sessions. Any questions, please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

## FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 13 October 2008**, we will hold our final monthly Fatima celebration for this year. 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**.



## FLIC<sup>2</sup>

**High-school boys:** join us this year for these fun and intriguing movie nights presented by **Fr. Chad Wahl, L.C.** Friends and Dads are more than welcome!

Date: **Saturday, 04 October 2008**  
Location: **O'Hare Center**  
Time: **06:00-09:00 PM**  
Movie: **(TBA)**

For more information contact: **Monica (650/324-0297)**.



## 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:

**MON: 12:00 AM (midnight) - 01:00 AM**  
**TUE: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**WED: 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM**  
**FRI: 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM**  
**SAT: 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

We congratulate



• **Michael Solomon** and **Mary Correa**  
on their recent marriage at Nativity. May this couple grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.

## RESTORATION OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Our beautiful and much beloved old stained glass windows are in the process of being restored. The *Sacred Heart* window and the two windows beside it have already been removed and should be replaced by the end of October. The Parish Finance Council has approved this project, which may take up to five years to complete. Donors have already come forward with the funds for the rose window, the *Sacred Heart*, the *Blessed Mother* and several other windows. The remaining windows range from \$2400 to \$6000 each, except for the beautiful window in the bell tower, which is \$13,000. In October the window in the bell tower will be removed and restored in conjunction with the painting of the tower. If you are interested in making a financial contribution to this effort in any amount, please contact **Msgr. Otellini, 650/323-7914**.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

The final numbers are in for the 2008 school events benefitting the **Capital Campaign**. In addition to the **\$85,000** we had received from the Auction, we just added another **\$40,000** to the initial Carnival figure--bringing it to a total of **\$160,000** for the Carnival. Once again, thank you to the organizers and volunteers who worked so hard at both events. This was a very successful year in raising money for Nativity School!

*Monsignor Otellini*

## LOST AND FOUND

**Lost:** gold heart locket. Please call **650/323-7914**.

## NATIVITY SCHOOL AUCTION: CITY BY THE BAY

On **Saturday, 21 February 2009**, Sobrato Pavilion will be turned into **The City By The Bay--San Francisco**. Nativity School is hosting its 7th Annual Dinner Dance with live and silent auctions. The food for the evening will be from the different districts of San Francisco such as Chinatown, Japantown, Fisherman's Wharf, North Beach, and Ghirardelli Square. Please help the Parish School by:

- Donating an auction item
- Soliciting auction items from friends and businesses you frequent
- Underwriting--cash donation (teachers' entrance tickets, catering, entertainment, printing, etc.)
- Purchasing an advertisement in the auction catalog

There are three ways to donate:

1. Email or call me; I will personally pick up the donations and input them into the computer.
2. Complete the donor form that is on the table at the back of the church. You may leave the form at the rectory, the school, or call me and I will pick it up.
3. Through the Nativity School website. You can simply go to [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com), click on the Golden Gate Bridge icon, click "donate" and fill in the form.

All donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of Nativity School.

*Christina Umhofer*, Auction Chair

**650/888.2975**

**ctu798@yahoo.com**



## CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS

If you had your picture taken for the directory please stop by the rectory and pick up your free copy. The office hours are **09:00 AM - 04:00 PM. Monday through Friday**. If you have any questions please call **650/323-7914**.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## PAULINE BOOKSTORE NEWS

The Daughters of St. Paul invite you to mark your calendars and join them for the following events:

**02 October 2008 (07:00 PM):** Pauline Books and Media will host **Michael McDevitt**, well-known retreat leader, speaker and author, who will present his new book, *The Unseen Power of Prayer*.

**16 October 2008 (07:00 PM):** Join in the continuing celebration of the Year of St. Paul with **Fr. Ronald Witherup, S.S.**, who will help us examine the lasting testament St. Paul has given the Church. Paul's tireless preaching and writing, extensive travels, and love for Jesus Christ are a wonderful witness that conversion is not a one-time event, but a lifetime commitment. For more information, call **650/369-4230**. Pauline Books and Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063.

## VOCATION RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903.

**Sunday, 12 October 2008, 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM.**

Call **Sister Fintan** at **310/216-8170** or **Sister Margaret** at **415/479-8282**. Email: [vocations\\_naz@yahoo.com](mailto:vocations_naz@yahoo.com)

## RETRouvaille

Struggling marriages or those who have packed their bags either mentally or physically - come to a Retrouvaille weekend/program, **17-19 October 2008**, with 6 post-sessions thereafter. Call **415/893-1005** or check [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## CCWF PRESENTATION

CCWF Presents *Our Bodies, Our Souls - Fertility Technology Challenges and Informed Consent*, **11 October 2008 08:30 AM-01:30 PM**, lunch included. Sheraton Sunnyvale. For more information contact **Michele Coldiron**, Executive Director, California Catholic Women's Forum.

[www.ccwf.org](http://www.ccwf.org), **650/814-1995**

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.*

# THE DIGNITY OF MARRIAGE

## WHAT IS THE MORAL LAW? CAN IT BE CHANGED?

“The moral law presupposes the rational order, (i.e., the natural law), established among creatures for their good and to serve their final end, (i.e., heaven), by the power, wisdom and goodness of the Creator.”

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1951)*

“The moral law is the work of divine Wisdom. Its biblical meaning can be defined as fatherly instruction, God’s pedagogy, (i.e., teaching). It prescribes for man the ways, the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude, (i.e. blessing -heaven); it proscribes the ways of evil which turn him away from God and His love. It is at once firm, (i.e., immutable) in its precepts and its promises, worthy of love.”

*(CCC 1950)*

“All law finds its first and ultimate truth in the eternal law. Law is declared and established by reason as a participation in the providence of the living God, Creator and Redeemer of all. Such an ordinance of reason is what one calls law.”

*(CCC 1951)*

“Alone among all animate beings, man can boast of having been counted worthy to receive a law from God: as an animal endowed with reason, capable of understanding and discernment, he is to govern his conduct by using his freedom and reason, in obedience to the One who has entrusted everything to him.”

*(Cf. Tertullian, Adv. Marc, 2,4:PL2, 288-289)*

“The moral law finds its fullness and its unity in Christ. Jesus Christ is in person the way of perfection. He is the end of the law, for only He teaches and bestows the justice of God.”

*(CCC 1953)*

“There are different expressions of the moral law, all of them interrelated: eternal law - the source, in God, of all law; natural law; revealed law, comprising the Old Law and the New Law, or Law of the Gospel; finally, civil and ecclesiastical laws.”

*(CCC 1952)*

**THUS, THE MORAL LAW, LIKE THE NATURAL LAW, CANNOT BE CHANGED**

## CAN MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN BE CHANGED?

Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: “It is not good that the man should be alone.” The woman “flesh of his flesh” i.e., his counterpart, his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a “helpmate”; she thus represents God from Whom comes our help. “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

*(CCC 1605)*

The nature God gave us reveals to us in its very being that man is ordered toward woman and woman toward man and both to a conjugal union. This can be clearly seen in the obvious complementarity of the sexual organs themselves. There is a nuptial meaning to our bodies, and the sexuality of our bodies determines our place in God’s plan of union between spouses. We are ordered toward physical and spiritual union. Any deviation from this order is called dis-order and/or dis-orientation which is in need of healing. For God does not create one law and contradict it with another law or exception.

**THUS, GOD’S IMMUTABLE PLAN FOR MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN CANNOT BE CHANGED**

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE?

The Church teaches that Marriage has a two-fold purpose that is built-in by God: First, the union and mutual perfection of the man and woman, (reflective of our unity with Jesus Christ), and second, the procreation and education of children as the spouses become co-creators with God of new life. This “law” for marriage that is an essential part of the natural law is imprinted so deeply in mankind that every culture in the history of the world has honored this law. The dignity and “the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. The well being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.”

*(CCC 1603)*

**MARRIAGE IS INTENDED BY GOD TO BE A CONJUGAL UNION BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN, FOR THE GOOD OF THE SPOUSES AND THE PROCREATION AND EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN**



(continued next week)



The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** (USCCB) invites U.S. Catholics to pray before the November election a novena for life, justice, and peace called **Novena for Faithful Citizenship**. It is a podcast and available for download: ([www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts))

### DISCUSSING FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** has posted on [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) a series of articles by USCCB experts on issues pertinent to the November elections. Articles are in both English and Spanish. Topics include Immigration, Voting by Conscience, the Environment, Poverty, Iraq, Stem Cells, Gay Marriage, Abortion, Health Care and Economic Policy.

Please also see the schedule of **workshops** on **faithful citizenship** in the *In the Community* section of this bulletin.

### OTHER RESOURCES

[www.ewtn.com/vote](http://www.ewtn.com/vote)  
[www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org)



### PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PROPOSITIONS 4 AND 8

In November, Californians will be going to the polls to decide critical moral issues for the state: **Prop. 4** establishes a waiting period and parental notification for a minor seeking to obtain an abortion and **Prop. 8** would solidify in the California Constitution the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman. Nativity invites you to participate in prayer and fasting. As to prayer, first we would ask that everyone say a **54-Day Rosary Novena** for their passage. This daily rosary would begin on **12 September** and end on **03 November**. The first 27 days are said in petition, and the second 27 in thanksgiving for hearing our request. Secondly, on **Sunday, 05 October**, we will be saying the **2,000 Hail Mary Prayer**: 2,000 Hail Mary's along with meditations and petitions will be said in church beginning at **01:30 PM** and ending about **10:00 PM** (with a break for 05:00 PM Mass). Please join us for all or even just part of the prayer. Finally, we should all give up something we enjoy (a certain food, TV, etc.) until 03 November for this intention. *"Fasting adds wings to our prayer."* Even a small sacrifice can make a big difference. Let us join with our bishops to work for passage of these two important propositions. For any questions about this, call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013**.

## Young Believers

### FIND-A-WORD

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

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| UNFAIR   | VIRTUE     |
| INIQUITY | MERCIES    |
| ATTITUDE | COMPASSION |
| HUMBLE   | OBEDIENT   |
| EXALTED  | ENTER      |
| KINGDOM  | HEAVEN     |

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

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

