

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02 AUGUST 2009

"Whoever comes to Me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.

John 6: 35



CALENDAR

FIRST READING

This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

PSALM

He rained manna upon them for food.

Psalms 78

SECOND READING

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds.

Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

GOSPEL

My Father gives you the true bread from heaven ... I am the bread of life.


John 6: 24-35

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Sr. Constance Constantino
	05:30 PM	† Peter Widmer
TUE	07:30 AM	† Al Arcady
	05:30 PM	† Lucille Moore
WED	07:30 AM	† Olga Silvestri
	05:30 PM	† Silvia Buaya
THU	07:30 AM	† Swede and Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	The Torregroso family
FRI	07:30 AM	† Tom Tasso
	05:30 PM	† Garrett Chiamparino
SAT	08:00 AM	† Doris Frederick



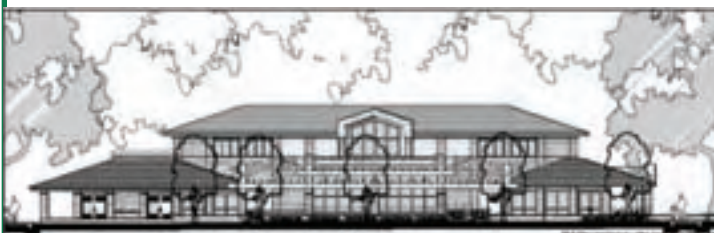
MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
02 AUG	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
03 AUG	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	Choir Practice: Christmas Concert
04 AUG	(Tuesday)	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
05 AUG	(Wednesday)	
06 AUG	(Thursday)	
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	06:30 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting
07 AUG	(Friday)	
08 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



FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.747M



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
18-19 JUL

TOTAL:	\$	10,969
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	24,981
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	123,300

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

04 AUG (Tuesday): SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY, Priest (1786-1859)

Ordained after many difficulties, **John** pastored a parish in the town of Ars, France, and became renowned for his counsel, often spending 11-16 hours in the confessional.



05 AUG (Wednesday): DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR IN ROME



06 AUG (Thursday): THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



“This is My Son,
Whom I have chosen.
Listen to Him.”

Luke 9: 35

08 AUG (Saturday): SAINT DOMINIC, Founder of the Order of Preachers (1170-1221)

Spanish friar devoted to preaching against the Albigensian heresy. In 1206 he founded a community of nuns in Prouille, France, and later, with six followers, founded a community of preaching friars which gained papal approval in 1216 and became known as the **Order of Preachers**. Popularly known as the **Dominicans**, the order today has 6500 religious worldwide and is based on Dominic’s concept of harmonizing the intellectual life with asceticism and apostolic works.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NEXT EVENING OF REFLECTION

14 August 2009, 06:30 PM, O’Hare Center. **Christine Broesamle** and team members will report on their service pilgrimage to Rwanda. We will also have the pleasure of having back with us Vatican priest (in residence at Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara) **Fr. Mickey Pintacura**. *Thank you to all those who are praying and supporting this journey - I am carrying your intentions with me and so thankful for our special church family at Nativity! Our Lady of Kibeho, pray for us.* ~ Christine.

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:



TUE: 07:00 PM

WED: 11:00 AM, 08:00 PM

Please call **650/269-7794** for more information or to sign up.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 August 2009**, 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**.



CRITICAL POINT IN PROTECTING LIFE

The healthcare reform bills in the House and Senate are presenting various dangers to life. We have to **act now**. Please contact your U.S. House of Representative and Senators to say “NO” to the following activities and that they be specifically prohibited in the legislation: (1) Taxpayer funding of abortion (2) Taxpayer funding of in-vitro fertilization (3) Healthcare rationing, particularly for the chronically ill, disabled, the elderly, and procedures to save pre-born babies (e.g., fetal heart surgery), (4) Mandating “counseling” on assisted suicide (5) Mandatory referrals for abortion and assisted suicide (6) Providing no conscience clause protections for health care workers who do not want to participate in procedures or referrals for things such as abortion and assisted suicide, and (7) Taxpayer funding of artificial birth control.

Senators:

Barbara Boxer (415/403-0100)

boxer.senate.gov/contact/email/policy.cfm

Diane Feinstein (415/393-0707)

feinstein.senate.gov/public/

index.cfm?FuseAction=ContactUs.EmailMe

Representatives:

Jackie Speier (650/342-0300)

Anna Eshoo (650/323-2984)

*Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact First Resort (888/252-1822),
the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or
the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please welcome the newest member of our Christian community:

- **Leonardo Achilles** son of **Andres** and **Sheila Oseguera**



May this family grow in holiness daily in response to their baptismal calling.

We congratulate

- **Geoffrey Spicer** and **Priscilla Roy**
- **David Garbo** and **Jennifer Jensen**
- **Luiz Franco** and **Angela Gonzales**



on their recent marriages at Nativity. May these couples grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Brooke** and **Michael Linse**
(*Anna-Sophie, Ella, Maximilian*)



SINGERS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited and welcome to join in the singing at our annual **Christmas Concert**, which will be on **06 December 2009**. Practices are on **Monday** evenings at **07:30 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Please contact **Margaret Durando** at **650/322-2789** or **Jill Mueller** at **650/493-1963** (sjmuellet@earthlink.net) for more information about joining the choir and the music.

SHOPPING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEBOUND SENIORS

If you or someone you know is homebound in the **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City** areas and in need of help with grocery shopping contact **Kathy Schoendorf**. She can be reached at **650/854-6501** or kschoendorf@sbcglobal.net.

ONE-DAY MEN'S CONFERENCE

Catholic Men's Fellowship of Silicon Valley is sponsoring a one day men's conference featuring **Jesse Romero**. The conference will be held on **Saturday, 12 September 2009**, from **07:30 AM - 04:00 PM** at **Sacred Heart Church**, 13716 Saratoga Ave, in Saratoga. For more information, see the flyer at the Adoration table or call **Barry LeMay** at **888/721- 1031**.

CLASS ON THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM

Our weekly Bible study will be doing a series on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. The Catechism is the church's interpretation of the Bible and is *a survival guide for our perilous times*. With thousands of Biblical quotes, this class will open up the Bible for us in a most beautiful way making it meaningful to our lives in the 21st century. The classes will cover: 1. the Creed (what we believe), 2. the Sacraments (how we enter into the mystery of the Spirit), 3. the Commandments (how to live our life in the Spirit), and 4. Prayer (having a relationship with the Spirit). We will use the video talks of **Father Corapi** supplemented with reading and discussion. Classes will be on **Tuesday** mornings from **09:30-11:00 AM** and repeated again in the evening from **07:30-09:00 PM**. They begin on **08 September 2009**. For more information or to sign up, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.

IMAGE OF GUADALUPE

The traveling image of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be at **Nativity Church** for our prayer on **Saturday** evening, **29 August 2009** and on **Sunday, 30 August 2009**. This beautiful image has seen many prayers answered as it travels around the county. There will be a talk given about the image after all the Masses both on Saturday evening (approx. 60 minutes), and Sunday morning (approx. 20 minutes each). Please come and bring your hopes, stresses, fears, and sorrows to Our Mother and she will most assuredly hear us and intercede to her Son for us.

CCD NEWS

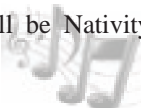
The **CCD Confirmation Class** for 2009-2010 school year will be changing its meeting date and time. In order to increase our enrollment, improve our attendance, and make the catechesis experience more meaningful, we are piloting a new program beginning in the fall of 2009. We will have 7th and 8th graders combined into one class, which will meet on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program with the 8th graders receiving Confirmation in the spring of 2010.

Sr. Merlynn Martin, CSJ, Director of Religious Education: **650/327-2319** or **650/289-0389**; **Louise Tuite** and **Carolina Sylvestri**, teachers.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, 06 December 2009 at **02:00 PM** will be Nativity's Fourth Annual **Christmas Concert**.



CHILDRENS BOOKS NEEDED

Samaritan House Medical Clinic in San Mateo is collecting children's books to use in the literacy program they have set up. Nativity is now a drop-off point for collecting new or used children's books for this program. There is a blue bag in the **O'Hare Center** (next to the TV) where they can be dropped off on Sundays or you may bring them to the rectory during the week.

INMATES WANT YOUR CATHOLIC MAGAZINES

Do you have any *Magnificat* books or other Catholic magazines? Please save your used *Magnificat* books and Catholic magazines for the inmates at **San Quentin**. A Nativity parishioner will periodically deliver them to the Chaplain of San Quentin, who will gratefully distribute them. We have been told that the inmates don't care about the dates on the books, but that they really benefit from them. Please help us help them. Call **Maryclair Thomas** for details: **650/327-9452**.



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



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions.

For **August 2009**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitize the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world.



Missionary: That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI PROCLAIMING A YEAR FOR PRIESTS

(conclusion...)

These gifts, which awaken in many people the desire for a deeper spiritual life, can benefit not only the lay faithful but the clergy as well. The communion between ordained and charismatic ministries can provide "a helpful impulse to a renewed commitment by the Church in proclaiming and bearing witness to the Gospel of hope and charity in every corner of the world". I would also like to add, echoing the Apostolic Exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis* of Pope John Paul II, that the ordained ministry has a radical "communitarian form" and can be exercised only in the communion of priests with their Bishop. This communion between priests and their Bishop, grounded in the sacrament of Holy Orders and made manifest in Eucharistic concelebration, needs to be translated into various concrete expressions of an effective and affective priestly fraternity. Only thus will priests be able to live fully the gift of celibacy and build thriving Christian communities in which the miracles which accompanied the first preaching of the Gospel can be repeated.

The Pauline Year now coming to its close invites us also to look to the Apostle of the Gentiles, who represents a splendid example of a priest entirely devoted to his ministry. "The love of Christ urges us on" – he wrote – "because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died" (2 Cor 5:14). And he adds: "He died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them" (2 Cor 5:15). Could a finer programme be proposed to any priest resolved to advance along the path of Christian perfection?

Dear brother priests, the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint John Mary Vianney (1859) follows upon the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Lourdes (1858). In 1959 Blessed Pope John XXIII noted that "shortly before the Curé of Ars completed his long and admirable life, the Immaculate Virgin appeared in another part of France to an innocent and humble girl, and entrusted to her a message of prayer and penance which continues, even a century later, to yield immense spiritual fruits. The life of this holy priest whose centenary we are commemorating in a real way anticipated the great supernatural truths taught to the seer of Massabielle. He was greatly devoted to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin; in 1836 he had dedicated his parish church to Our Lady Conceived without Sin and he greeted the dogmatic definition of this truth in 1854 with deep faith and great joy." The Curé would always remind his faithful that "after giving us all he could, Jesus Christ wishes in addition to bequeath us his most precious possession, his Blessed Mother".

To the Most Holy Virgin I entrust this Year for Priests. I ask her to awaken in the heart of every priest a generous and renewed commitment to the ideal of complete self-oblation to Christ and the Church which inspired the thoughts and actions of the saintly Curé of Ars. It was his fervent prayer life and his impassioned love of Christ Crucified that enabled John Mary Vianney to grow daily in his total self-oblation to God and the Church. May his example lead all priests to offer that witness of unity with their Bishop, with one another and with the lay faithful, which today, as ever, is so necessary. Despite all the evil present in our world, the words which Christ spoke to his Apostles in the Upper Room continue to inspire us: "In the world you have tribulation; but take courage, I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). Our faith in the Divine Master gives us the strength to look to the future with confidence. Dear priests, Christ is counting on you. In the footsteps of the Curé of Ars, let yourselves be enthralled by him. In this way you too will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace!

With my blessing.

NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

In this **Year of the Priest**, everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:30 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a meditation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. Especially at this time, we need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

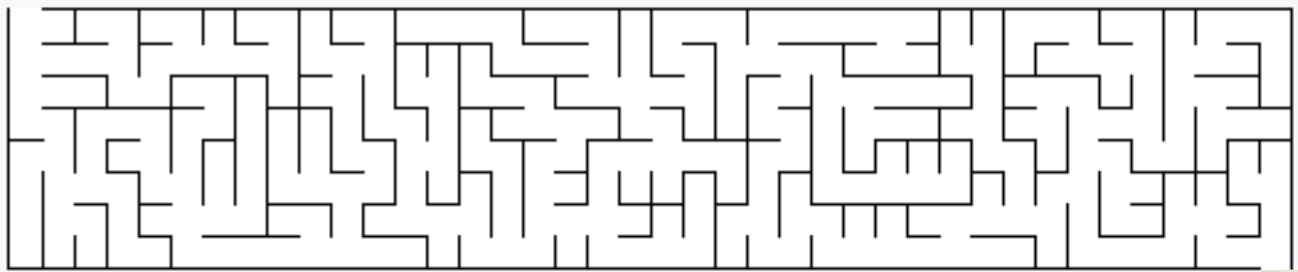
DID YOU KNOW?

The **BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION** are the largest producers of the wafers used as altar bread in the United States. At their monastery in Clyde, Missouri, they produce 2 million wafers each week, and have supplied bread to churches in the United States, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Canada, Ireland, Russia, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and on the high seas.



www.benedictinesisters.org

Move through the bakery from wheat and water to altar bread:



WHICH TWO IMAGES ARE THE SAME?



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F.

FIND-A-WORD

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

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| BREAD | HEAVEN |
| MANNA | QUAIL |
| ABUNDANCE | DESERT |
| LIVING | LIFE |
| NEVER | HUNGER |
| THIRST | BELIEVE |
| RENEWED | HOLY |

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