

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 SEPTEMBER 2009

**"Whoever receives one child such as
this in My name, receives Me."**

Mark 9: 37

CALENDAR

FIRST READING

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him.

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

PSALM

The Lord sustains my life.

Psalms 54

SECOND READING

The wisdom from above is first of all pure.

James 3: 16-4: 3

GOSPEL

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Mark 9: 30-37



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 20-26 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Walker family
	05:30 PM	† Elizabeth Safuie
TUE	07:30 AM	† Roland Cannavo
	05:30 PM	† Ira Castain
WED	07:30 AM	† Joyce Andrews
	05:30 PM	Special intentions
THU	07:30 AM	† Eulalia Jimenez
	05:30 PM	† Roland Cannavo
FRI	07:30 AM	† Kathleen McCann
	05:30 PM	† Elizabeth Safuie
SAT	08:00 AM	† Marilyn Gula

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
20 SEP	(Sunday)	
	08:30 AM	Blood Drive
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
21 SEP	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	Choir Practice: Christmas Concert
22 SEP	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Catechism
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Catechism
23 SEP	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	CCD Confirmation Class
24 SEP	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
25 SEP	(Friday)	
26 SEP	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)



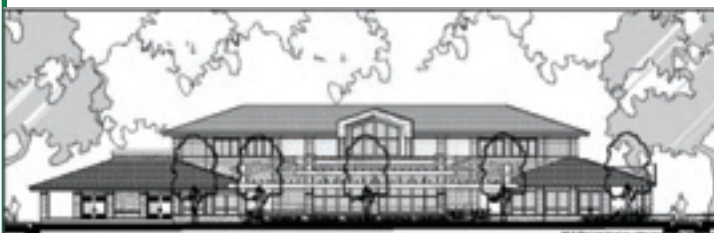
SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this week for the **Priests Retirement Fund**.



NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



FUNDING TO DATE: **\$7.747M**



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
05-06 SEP

TOTAL:	\$	10,718
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	26,106
2009 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	123,300

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 SEP (Monday): SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus to follow Him. Matthew's gospel, more than any other, sets out to show that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. Written for his countrymen in Palestine, Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic, probably between 42-52 A.D.



23 SEP (Wednesday): SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA, Priest (1887-1968)

A Capuchin priest, Padre Pio spent 50 years at the monastery of San Stefano Rotundo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. He was known to pray the Rosary almost continuously throughout the day, and he bore the stigmata.



HOPELESS AND DESPERATE CASES



Commit your concerns and intentions to **St. Jude Thaddeus**. His intercession can produce miracles. Only believe, and trust in the providence of Our Lord. Ask His cousin to assist you.

www.stjudenovena.org

www/stjude-shrine.org

shrineofstjude.claretians.org

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm

26 SEP (Saturday): SAINT COSMAS and SAINT DAMIAN, (d. ~303)

These twin brothers were Syrian-trained doctors. The brothers accepted no payment for their services, and their charity brought many to Christ. They were reported to have miraculously replaced the ulcerated leg of a man named Justinian with one from a recently deceased man. Arrested during the persecutions of Diocletian, they were tortured (without suffering injury) and martyred by beheading.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER!

Please join the **Nativity Respect Life Group** in sponsoring a **Shower of Support** for four mothers on **Sunday, 18 October 2009** after the **11:30 AM** Mass. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun. Next weekend, **26-27 September 2009**, there will be sign-up tables outside the Church for RSVPs on attendance and gift selections/donations; gift drop-off after the weekend Masses on **10-11 October 2009**. Volunteers for set-up, clean-up, decorations, transportation, food preparation and service are very much appreciated. More info: **Eileen** at **650/799-4722**.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Event: **Bible Study/Praise and Worship**

Date: **Sunday, 27 September 2009**

Time: **06:30-08:00 PM**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

Selah Lyford, a great young musician, will lead us in song. The **Hendricks** will lead the Bible study. For more information contact **Monica** at **650/324-0297**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Tuesday, 13 October 2009**, 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**.



ROSARY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Please join us on **Saturday, 10 October 2009**, at **02:00 PM**; we will have our annual **Rosary in the Public Square**, a national effort to put our Christian faith out in the open. We will meet in front of the church, have a brief prayer and organizing meeting, process out to the El Camino Real, pray the rosary and hand out leaflets, and then process back to the church. The whole event will be done by **04:00 PM**. This is a great opportunity to make many people aware of our nation's need for prayer. We will be one of about 3,000 sites throughout the nation doing the same thing. We also need people to pray in church during the event for its success. For information, call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso**, **650/269-6279**.

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:

SUN: 12:30-02:00 PM

MON: 09:00 AM

TUE: 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM

FRI: 09:00 AM

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



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 members of our Christian community:

- **Madeline Estella** daughter of **Mike** and **Jennifer Avila**
- **Ramon Miguel** son of **Regin Paul** and **Mary Grace Bayona**
- **Lachlan James** son of **JJ Jackson** and **Jo-Anne Hogan**
- **Nora Madeline** daughter of **Peter Lee** and **Marie Gonella**
- **Brandon Christopher** son of **Christopher** and **Adrienne Newlands**



May these children and their families grow in holiness daily in response to their baptismal calling.

We congratulate

• **Diego Gandhi De Paz** and **Mary Eleanor Kintana** 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:

- **Ana** and **Charles Aspinnall** (*Ella, Tristan*)
- **Kevin Ho** and **Van Hoang**
- **Tara Jewett**
- **George Capps**



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

It has been increasingly difficult to assure a supply of visiting priests in order for us to maintain the current Sunday Mass schedule. Presently we have 6 Masses on the weekend just for the Sunday Mass Obligation (including the Saturday vigil), this in addition to weddings and other liturgies on Saturday. Priests are only permitted by canon law to celebrate two Masses a day. In addition, on some special Holy Days, because of our presently "tight" Mass schedule it becomes very difficult to empty and fill the parking lot with only a few minutes between Masses. For these reasons I have decided to combine the 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM Masses into one Mass that will begin at 11:30 AM. The 12:30 PM Mass has always been our least attended. By combining the two we will have more time between Masses, and a less chaotic parking problem on important Holy Days. I am sorry if this inconveniences some who have become accustomed to their Sunday routines. In doing this Nativity still offers more Mass times than any neighboring parish. This change will take effect the **first Sunday of October** (04 October 2009).

Thank you for your understanding,

Msgr. Steven Otellini

**Sunday Mass
schedule changes
in 2 weeks!**

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Priests' Retirement Fund**. For more than 156 years, priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco have served the Catholic faithful generously and well. Our priests commit their lives to bringing Christ to us, from baptism to death, through good times and difficult times. We are blessed to have 77 retired Archdiocesan priests. Some of them reside in parish rectories, such as our **Fr. Davenport**. Others live in retirement homes or assisted living facilities, and some live independently. There is a need for us to ensure and provide for their adequate care and support. The Priests' Retirement Fund supports those in need of supplementary assistance by paying for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, a portion of extended care costs, and housing costs associated with independent living. Please consider a gift to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Our priests have selflessly given much to us, now we can return this gift through our support.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Priests' Retirement Fund*.

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sign-ups for the Fall Session of the **Small Faith-Sharing Groups** will take place after all the Masses on the weekend of **26-27 September 2009**. The resource materials for this next session will include prayers, reflections on Sunday readings, faith-sharing questions and ideas for action responses. This new session will begin the week of 11 October 2009 for six weekly sessions. Any questions, please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

NATIVITY'S FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The concert is to be held on **Sunday, 06 December 2009**, in the afternoon. This year's concert is at **St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel** and will once again be under the direction of **Margaret Sullivan Durando**. The choir is made up of Nativity parishioners and pastor, Msgr. Steven Otellini, students from St. Francis High School, and parishioners from other local parishes.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi, 04 October 2009**, there will be a blessing of the animals at **01:00 PM**. The blessing will take place at **Nativity School**, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. All are welcome to bring their pets.

Ferenc and Catherine Zele and their Family members would like to acknowledge, with grateful appreciation, the kind expression of your sympathy and all the prayers and moral support given to us at the unexpected death of Anthony. Sincere thanks to all our friends, co-workers, and parishioners.

Ferenc and Catherine

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

General: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy.



Missionary: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *CARITAS IN VERITATE* OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI (cont'd.)

14. (cont'd.) Technology, viewed in itself, is ambivalent. If on the one hand, some today would be inclined to entrust the entire process of development to technology, on the other hand we are witnessing an upsurge of ideologies that deny in toto the very value of development, viewing it as radically anti-human and merely a source of degradation. This leads to a rejection, not only of the distorted and unjust way in which progress is sometimes directed, but also of scientific discoveries themselves, which, if well used, could serve as an opportunity of growth for all. The idea of a world without development indicates a lack of trust in man and in God. It is therefore a serious mistake to undervalue human capacity to exercise control over the deviations of development or to overlook the fact that man is constitutionally oriented towards "being more". Idealizing technical progress, or contemplating the utopia of a return to humanity's original natural state, are two contrasting ways of detaching progress from its moral evaluation and hence from our responsibility.

15. Two further documents by Paul VI without any direct link to social doctrine — the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (25 July 1968) and the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (8 December 1975) — are highly important for delineating the fully human meaning of the development that the Church proposes. It is therefore helpful to consider these texts too in relation to *Populorum Progressio*.

The Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* emphasizes both the unitive and the procreative meaning of sexuality, thereby locating at the foundation of society the married couple, man and woman, who accept one another mutually, in distinction and in complementarity: a couple, therefore, that is open to life. This is not a question of purely individual morality: *Humanae Vitae* indicates the strong links between life ethics and social ethics, ushering in a new area of magisterial teaching that has gradually been articulated in a series of documents, most recently John Paul II's Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that "a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized."

The Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, for its part, is very closely linked with development, given that, in Paul VI's words, "evangelization would not be complete if it did not take account of the unceasing interplay of the Gospel and of man's concrete life, both personal and social." "Between evangelization and human advancement — development and liberation — there are in fact profound links": on the basis of this insight, Paul VI clearly presented the relationship between the proclamation of Christ and the advancement of the individual in society. Testimony to Christ's charity, through works of justice, peace and development, is part and parcel of evangelization, because Jesus Christ, who loves us, is concerned with the whole person. These important teachings form the basis for the missionary aspect of the Church's social doctrine, which is an essential element of evangelization. The Church's social doctrine proclaims and bears witness to faith. It is an instrument and an indispensable setting for formation in faith.

(continued next week)

IN THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY PRAYER VIGILS

Saturday prayer vigils continue at Planned Parenthood; please help. We need at least 40 faithful pro-life advocates to come out and quietly pray for just one hour, one Saturday per month. Our continued presence is the very last chance an unborn baby has before being aborted! Our prayerful intervention really works and God wants us to put our good intentions into action! Please contact **Sandy Dillon** with your preferred time commitment at **650/574-3910** or **dillon68@myastound.net**.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED WEEKEND

23-25 October 2009, at **Vallombrosa Retreat Center** in Menlo Park. For information and a brochure contact **La Vern** at **650/355-3978**, **Helen** at **415/388-9651**, **Ward** at **415/821-3390**, or email us at **sjbeginexp@aol.com** or see our website **www.geocities.com/sanjosebe/**.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION

EWTN's live telecasts of **Pope Benedict's** Czech Republic visit will include Vespers at the Prague Cathedral and an address to the clergy, religious, and lay leaders on **26 SEP 09, 09:00 AM**. The Pope will also be shown celebrating Mass in Brno, **27 SEP 09** at **01:00 AM**, and a Mass and address to young people at St. Wenceslas Church in Stara Boleslav, **28 SEP 09** at **12:00 AM** (set your recorder!). EWTN is found on DISH 261, Comcast 229, ATT 562, and Direct TV 3710.



ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH MASS
A joint effort of the Campus Ministers
and the Youth Ministers of the SF Archdiocese

*Come join us to celebrate
the beginning of the year!*

September 26, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

St. Anne of the Sunset
850 Judah Street
San Francisco CA 94122

Bishop William Justice
presiding

The poster features a large yellow cross in the background and silhouettes of people with their arms raised in the foreground.

SUPPORT FOR THE NEWLY DIVORCED

Would you like support while you travel the road through separation and divorce? The Archdiocese of San Francisco offers support for the journey. The **Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** (SDCASF) now have two on-going support groups in the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. There is one on the Peninsula, at **St. Bartholomew Parish**, 600 Columbia Dr, San Mateo, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at **07:00 PM**, in the spirituality center. The other one is in O'Reilly Hall of **St. Stephen Parish** near Stonestown, San Francisco, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at **07:30 PM**. Call **Gail** at **650/591-8452**, or **Joanne** at St. Bart's, **650/347-0701** for more information.

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CATHOLIC RADIO PLEDGE DRIVE

Immaculate Heart Radio's On-Air Pledge Drive will be held **Tuesday, 22 September** through **Friday, 25 September 2009** (**06:00 AM - 06:00 PM** each day) at Immaculate Heart Radio's Live Studio located at **Mater Dolorosa School** in South San Francisco.

Please join the Immaculate Heart Radio staff at our upcoming Pledge Drive. Meet Catholic radio personalities, be interviewed live on the radio, pray the Rosary with our staff, participate in Adoration, enjoy fellowship with Catholics in your area, talk with listeners and witness their testimonies, and experience the joy and peace that comes from sharing your Catholic Faith. Refreshments served all day, plus free giveaways!

Spaces are limited - sign up for any time between **06:00 AM - 06:00 PM** during the Pledge Drive. Call **Debota Heinrichs** at **916/535-0500 ext. 221** or email her at **dheinrichs@ihradio.org**. Visit our website at **www.ihradio.org**.

