

FIRST READING

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord.

Isaiah 62: 1-5

PSALM

Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.

Psalms 96

SECOND READING

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

GOSPEL

"How does your concern affect Me? My hour has not yet come."

John 2: 1-11



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 JANUARY 2010

"His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever He tells you.'"

John 2: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 - 23 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Shirley Fennell
	05:30 PM	† Hilda Talte
TUE	07:30 AM	† Bud Kasaba
	05:30 PM	† Milan Slavicky
WED	07:30 AM	† Victorija Jelic
	05:30 PM	† Msgr. Bruce Dreier
THU	07:30 AM	† Ruth Shrader
	05:30 PM	† Rick Lear
FRI	07:30 AM	† Rose Kosinski
	05:30 PM	† Carmen L. Cabranes Carballeira
SAT	08:00 AM	† Carolina Sylvestri



The parish office will be closed on Monday, 18 January 2010 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week for the **Church in Latin America**.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
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SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
17 JAN	(Sunday)	
	02:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
18 JAN	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
19 JAN	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Catechism
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Catechism
20 JAN	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	CCD Confirmation Class
	07:30 PM	Opus Dei Men's Group
21 JAN	(Thursday)	
	09:00 AM	Consecration Ceremony
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
22 JAN	(Friday)	
23 JAN	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)



The Marriage at Cana, Charles Poerson



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF 02-03 JAN

TOTAL:	\$	10,657
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	110,497
2009 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	123,300

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 JAN (Thursday):

SAINT AGNES, Martyr (d. ~254)

At age 12 or 13 Agnes was ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods and lose her virginity by rape. She was threatened, then tortured and martyred when she refused to turn against God. On her feast day two lambs are blessed at her church in Rome, Italy and then their wool is woven into the palliums (bands of white wool) which the Pope confers on archbishops.



22 JAN (Friday):

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROE v. WADE DECISION

Pray fervently for an end to abortion.

18-25 JAN 2010
is the
Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity



MEDITATE ON THE WORD

We are told: *“This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night” (Joshua 1:8).* Read about God’s promises, then really think about them. Why not make a commitment at the start of a new year to learn one or two verses of Scripture each week, or to read the chapter of **Proverbs** that corresponds to each day of the month?

This week’s meditations

(Psalms 91: 14-16):

“Because he loves Me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

(Romans 5: 3-5):

“We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.”

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

Nativity will be providing two buses for transportation to the **West Coast Walk for Life** on **Saturday, 23 January 2010**. See www.walkforlifewc.com for more information. After **08:00 AM** Mass, please meet in the O’Hare Center for donuts, coffee and check-in. The buses will leave promptly at **09:00 AM**. Please reserve your seat now. **\$15** per person is asked to defray the cost of the busses. Please contact **Mary Ellen** at **650/269-7794**. Also, checks can be mailed to / dropped off at the Nativity Rectory. Please write *Walk for Life Bus* on the envelope.

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sign-ups for the Spring Session of the Small Faith-Sharing Groups will take place after all Masses on the weekend of **06-07 February 2010**. The resource materials for this next session will include prayers, reflections on the Sunday readings, faith sharing questions and ideas for action responses. This new session will begin the week of **14 February 2010** for six weekly sessions. Any questions, please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

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: 09:00 AM, 01:00 PM

WED: 11:00 AM

FRI: 04:00 AM

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

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SOCIETY

We invite you to join our **2010 Infant Jesus Prayers and Novena** beginning on **Sunday, 17 January 2010**, at **02:00 PM**. Let us make our own pro-life pilgrimage through prayer.

All are welcome to pray in supplication for an end to the violence of abortion and in reparation for those offenses. The Infant Jesus of Prague is the Child Jesus who is the Word Incarnate, the One Who is Life. Let us embrace Love so that others may embrace infants and children out of love for God-created life.

The 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is open to receive all prayer requests and thanksgivings. **650/323-9333** or write to: pray2infantjesus@aol.com.

Grant us the graces and the virtues of Thy Holy Childhood, so that on the day of our birth into Eternal Life, we may enter into your Loving Embrace.

Note to members of the Society: after prayers, please gather at the **O’Hare Center** for a 2010 overview and plans for The Little Mission for the Little King.

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:

- **Shea Nicholaus** son of **Mark** and **Clarissa Stahl**
- **Rowan Paige** daughter of **Christopher** and **Tara Santos**

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

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Maryann Rosas**
- **Lynette Foo**
- **Baby** and **Alberto** (*Brian, Arianna*)
- **Maria** and **Boyd Carano** (*Elena, Cristina, Ana*)



NATIVITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to a special **Open House** for prospective parents and their children (grades K-7) on **Sunday, 31 January 2010**, from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM** at the school, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

Come to see the magnificent displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. Tours by appointment are also available.

Visit our website: www.nativityschool.com.

SPECIAL CEREMONY

On **Thursday, 21 January 2010**, **Archbishop George Niederauer** will bless **Margaret Flipp** at Nativity Church, as a *Consecrated Virgin* during a special Mass at **09:00 AM**. All are invited to attend. The Consecration of a Virgin is one of the oldest of sacraments in the Church. One of the fruits of Vatican II was the restoration of this profound blessing on virgins living in the world. Through this sacramental the virgin, after renewing her resolve of perpetual virginity to God, is set aside as a sacred person who belongs only to Christ. This sacramental is only conferred by the bishop of a diocese. The consecrated virgin is a living image of the Church's love for her Spouse while sharing in His redemptive mission. By virtue of the Consecration, she is responsible to pray for her diocese and clergy.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: Three-strand necklace of garnet-like and grayish beads.
650/323-7914.

Beginning **25 January 2010** we will be undertaking work in the church to replace the sprinkler heads for the fire control system. The original heads have been de-certified by the State Fire Marshal. Since this necessitates the scaffolding of the interior of the church we will also take advantage of its presence to paint the ceiling and walls. The work will be carried out during the weekdays and should not affect the weekend schedules at all. We hope to have it completed by **12 February 2010**. Adoration during the day will be moved to the **O'Hare Center**. I am sorry for the disruption this may cause, but the work is essential to keep Nativity safe.

Msgr. Steven Otellini



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Church in Latin America**. Although approximately half of the world's Catholic population lives in Latin America, the Church in the region is losing members at an alarming rate. The Church in Latin America needs your help. 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: *Church in Latin America*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BEFORE HE WAS POPE: LOLEK, THE PLAY

California Catholic Women's Forum is hosting a play on the young adulthood of **Pope John Paul II** on **07 February 2010**, including an authentic Polish dinner. "Lolek" tells the inspiring story of the young Karol Wojtyla growing up in Nazi-occupied Poland and his call to the priesthood. This stylish, riveting drama by actor/writer **Jeremy Stanbary** offers profound insights into John Paul's heart. **Sunday, 07 February 2010, 06:30 PM:** Polish dinner and **07:30 PM:** "Lolek" at **Our Lady of Peace Family Learning Center**, 2800 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara. Questions? Call **Michele** at **650/814-1995** or **Suzanne** at **408/530-9848**.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE 2010: 23 JAN 2010

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, 23 January 2010**. Join upwards of 25,000 pro-lifer's for the **6th Annual Walk for Life** in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com. To volunteer or to arrange busses contact us at **415/586-1576** or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.



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



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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For **January 2010**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.



Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

41. (cont'd.) The State does not need to have identical characteristics everywhere: the support aimed at strengthening weak constitutional systems can easily be accompanied by the development of other political players, of a cultural, social, territorial or religious nature, alongside the State. The articulation of political authority at the local, national and international levels is one of the best ways of giving direction to the process of economic globalization. It is also the way to ensure that it does not actually undermine the foundations of democracy.

42. Sometimes globalization is viewed in fatalistic terms, as if the dynamics involved were the product of anonymous impersonal forces or structures independent of the human will. In this regard it is useful to remember that while globalization should certainly be understood as a socio-economic process, this is not its only dimension. Underneath the more visible process, humanity itself is becoming increasingly interconnected; it is made up of individuals and peoples to whom this process should offer benefits and development, as they assume their respective responsibilities, singly and collectively. The breaking-down of borders is not simply a material fact: it is also a cultural event both in its causes and its effects. If globalization is viewed from a deterministic standpoint, the criteria with which to evaluate and direct it are lost. As a human reality, it is the product of diverse cultural tendencies, which need to be subjected to a process of discernment. The truth of globalization as a process and its fundamental ethical criterion are given by the unity of the human family and its development towards what is good. Hence a sustained commitment is needed so as to promote a person-based and community-oriented cultural process of world-wide integration that is open to transcendence.

Despite some of its structural elements, which should neither be denied nor exaggerated, "globalization, a priori, is neither good nor bad. It will be what people make of it". We should not be its victims, but rather its protagonists, acting in the light of reason, guided by charity and truth. Blind opposition would be a mistaken and prejudiced attitude, incapable of recognizing the positive aspects of the process, with the consequent risk of missing the chance to take advantage of its many opportunities for development. The processes of globalization, suitably understood and directed, open up the unprecedented possibility of large-scale redistribution of wealth on a world-wide scale; if badly directed, however, they can lead to an increase in poverty and inequality, and could even trigger a global crisis. It is necessary to correct the malfunctions, some of them serious, that cause new divisions between peoples and within peoples, and also to ensure that the redistribution of wealth does not come about through the redistribution or increase of poverty: a real danger if the present situation were to be badly managed. For a long time it was thought that poor peoples should remain at a fixed stage of development, and should be content to receive assistance from the philanthropy of developed peoples. Paul VI strongly opposed this mentality in *Populorum Progressio*. Today the material resources available for rescuing these peoples from poverty are potentially greater than before, but they have ended up largely in the hands of people from developed countries, who have benefited more from the liberalization that has occurred in the mobility of capital and labour. The world-wide diffusion of forms of prosperity should not therefore be held up by projects that are self-centred, protectionist or at the service of private interests. Indeed the involvement of emerging or developing countries allows us to manage the crisis better today. The transition inherent in the process of globalization presents great difficulties and dangers that can only be overcome if we are able to appropriate the underlying anthropological and ethical spirit that drives globalization towards the humanizing goal of solidarity. Unfortunately this spirit is often overwhelmed or suppressed by ethical and cultural considerations of an individualistic and utilitarian nature. Globalization is a multifaceted and complex phenomenon which must be grasped in the diversity and unity of all its different dimensions, including the theological dimension. In this way it will be possible to experience and to steer the globalization of humanity in relational terms, in terms of communion and the sharing of goods.

(continued next week)

THE SIMPLE CATHOLIC QUIZ (from last Sunday)

- Name the seven Sacraments.
Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction).
- Name the Ten Commandments (extra points for getting them in the right order).
 - You shall have no other gods before Me.
 - Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.
 - Keep holy the Sabbath.
 - Honor your father and mother.
 - Do not kill.
 - Do not commit adultery.
 - Do not steal.
 - Do not lie (bear false witness).
 - Do not covet your neighbor's wife.
 - Do not covet your neighbor's possessions.
- Which three Sacraments are the Sacraments of Initiation?
Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- What event is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany?
The visit of the Magi to Jesus and Mary.
- Name the four sets of Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.
Glorious
Joyful
Sorrowful
Luminous
- Now name the five Mysteries in each of the four sets.
Glorious: the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the Assumption, the Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.
Joyful: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation of the Infant Jesus, the Finding of the Child Jesus.
Sorrowful: the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning With Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion.
Luminous: the Baptism of Jesus, the Miracle at Cana, the Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

- Besides Sundays, name three other Holy Days of Obligation (whether or not the local bishop grants a dispensation from the obligation).
(in the US, according to the USCCB):
Mary, the Mother of God (01 JAN)
Ascension (Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter)
The Assumption (15 AUG)
All Saints Day (01 NOV)
The Immaculate Conception (08 DEC)
The Nativity (25 DEC)
- How many different prayers are recited when praying the Holy Rosary (you don't need to count the "May the Divine Assistance..." prayer at the very end)?

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The Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer ("Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins..."), Hail Holy Queen, and closing prayer ("Oh God, Whose only begotten Son...")

- What are the eight Beatitudes?
 - Blessed are the poor in spirit
 - Blessed are the meek
 - Blessed are those who mourn
 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice
 - Blessed are the merciful
 - Blessed are the clean of heart
 - Blessed are the peacemakers
 - Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice
- What are the seven Deadly Sins?
 - wrath (anger)
 - greed
 - sloth (laziness)
 - pride
 - lust
 - envy
 - gluttony

We should focus instead on the Seven Virtues, each of which combats one of the Deadly Sins:

- patience
- charity
- diligence
- humility
- chastity
- kindness
- temperance