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Mass Schedule
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
12:15 pm (Spanish)  4:30 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15 am, 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00 am, 8:15 am
Holy Days 7:00 am, 8:15 am, 7:00 pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm
Holy Hour Monday through Thursday at
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in St. Joseph’s Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptism
4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

Marriage
Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to
the wedding

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday—Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday 8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Parish School
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875-9163
(during non-office hours)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2014

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

—Matthew 11:28

July 4

Freedom is a great concept. But to make it real for ourselves and for people around us is an unfinished job which challenges us to action. Freedom is a multifaceted word that includes socio-political freedom, economic freedom, moral freedom, freedom from ideologies and so on. Jesus Christ, our liberator, speaks about the inner freedom which is freedom from evil and passion that keeps us enslaved to sin and the evil one. While we celebrate 4th of July it is good for us to ask: What makes me truly free?

The following is a reflection on the celebration of this great day:

We have all heard the story of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the glorious beginning of our nation, July 4, 1776.

The history of that event however was, as most things, more confused and more uncertain at the time. There were a lot of people in the colonies who did not want independence from Great Britain. They considered themselves subjects of the crown who at the present time were having a struggle with some of the crown’s ministers, taxes and high-handed ways. But they never thought of breaking away.

There is no doubt that it took a great deal of courage to sign the Declaration of Independence. Traitors were hung in those days. Treason was a capital offense. That these men were willing to risk their lives is a great credit to their fervent belief in justice.

But this was not a decision made by the people of the colonies. It was a decision made by the middle class businessmen of the colonies, the plantation owners, the politicians. There was no popular vote to test the appeal of this decision.

And while Thomas Jefferson wrote that “all men are created equal”, it did not apply to women (who had no vote) nor slaves (who had no rights). What really was meant was “all middle class land owners and businessmen are created equal.” Or as George Orwell put it in his novel 1984: “some are more equal than others”.

It was not until Abraham Lincoln invoked this Declaration of Independence (in his Gettysburg Address) as the American pivotal document that “all men are created equal” took on the character that we associate it with today.

And we are still not finished trying to make that simple statement a reality in day to day living. We’ve struck down “separate but equal” schools, eliminated segregated restrooms and waiting rooms, disapproved of first and second class citizens who ride in different places on the bus and go to different restaurants. We have made progress to be sure – much of it hard fought by some very courageous people, both men and women, some of whom did lay down their lives defending this principle.

It is fitting that we celebrate July 4th each year. But it is equally fitting, indeed necessary, that we take upon ourselves in our day the continuous task before us of making the principles on which this nation was founded a living, breathing reality, not just a fine, impossible ideal that we salute from afar once a year. To this end, do we today “mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor” as did our forefathers that fateful day long ago?

Father Augustin
Parish Mission Appeal

On the weekend of July 12/13, 2014, Sr. Benedicta Wasonga of the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa (IHSA), will come to our parish to share her mission experience with us. The IHSA were founded in 1959 in Tanzania, East Africa. Currently, the community has 150 professed members and 36 more are in formation houses. The charisma of the IHSA is to help in the conversion of Africa through mission works that the congregation undertakes according to the needs of the time.

Following the footsteps of the Lord, who was a healer, preacher, educator, and all other good works, the sisters aspire to improve both, spiritual and physical needs of the people. Currently, some of their ministries include the following:

- Faith formation- in parishes, villages, and schools
- Children - orphans, disabled, and disadvantaged
- Health Care: in hospitals, clinics, rural areas, and maternal and child health.
- Education: teaching from pre-school to colleges
- Social Work /Community Development - working with families and groups
- Finance and Administration

Please keep the sisters in your prayers for the success of their mission works. We will have second collection to support their work.
Pray for The Sick and Homebound

** If any person in this list passes away to eternity, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for the repose of his soul.

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM
† Mae Zeffaro
Who entered into eternal life
June 28, 2014

Events for the Week of July 7th

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Please pick up VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL children at noon at the school.

Mass Intentions for the week of July 6th to 13th

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A (Anniversary) B (Birthday) L (Living) Deceased ( † )

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you an adult who...

- is interested in being baptized Catholic?
- was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing inquiry sessions for a chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment is required. For more information, call the parish office at:

510-351-5244.
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7TH**

**Monday:** Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]

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**COMING SOON**

**PLEASE WATCH BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION**

August 9th - Bishop’s Burse Luncheon

August 10th - Parish Picnic—Mark your Calendar

August 12th - Volunteer Dinner

Each week we gather to celebrate Mass. There is a statistic that says that two out of every three people who attend church services on a regular basis in this country are hurting in some way. This means that if you happen not to be hurting this week, chances are that the two people on either side of you are somehow burdened. One of the reasons that many people attend Mass is to bring their cares and worries to the tables of the word and Eucharist in the hope that the Lord will transform them. Today’s Gospel is a font of comfort and strength. Listen carefully as these words are proclaimed at Mass today. Pray that the Lord will give rest to those who are weighted down. Pray that we will all find rest in the Lord, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

Are you missing anything? Rosaries, Glasses, etc. Please check with the office Monday—Friday.

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**Has an abortion left you with a broken heart? Join our next Post-Abortion Healing group which offers hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment, and results in life-changing transformations.**

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during a Rachel’s Vineyard healing retreat.

Pre-registration is required. To register:
call 415-260-4406
or email christine4faith@gmail.com
For more information on Rachel’s Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

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**Thank you from the Interfaith Homelessness Network**

— April Showers — As you know we operate entirely with volunteers. All funds that we receive are directly used to benefit our guests. In particular, your contributions enable us to continue to provide the homeless with vouchers for wash-and-dry services at a local Laundromat. Your thoughts and prayers are most appreciated.
DEPONGAMOS LAS ARMAS DE LA GUERRA

¿Por qué, le preguntamos al profeta Zacarías hoy, quiere Dios destruir los carros y los caballos? La respuesta es: porque, junto al arco de los guerreros, se les usa para violar la paz del reino de Dios. En los días de Zacarías, carros y caballos eran bienes muy apreciados que se usaban solo para hacer guerra. Eran los portaaviones y los misiles nucleares de hoy día. Y en esa cultura que consideraba que un rey era un jefe militar primero que todo, un rey montado en un asno para proclamar la paz, sin caballos ni carros ni arcos, hubiera causado gran revuelo entre su audiencia.

Esa profecía del humilde rey de la paz, montado en un asno, nosotros creemos que se cumplió en Jesús, manso y humilde de corazón. En un mundo sacudido por la lucha militar, que frecuentemente es el resultado de divergentes creencias religiosas, y hasta nuestras propias vidas y hogares donde vamos a la guerra por la más mínima cosa, sería bueno que nos detuviéramos a pensar hasta que punto estamos dispuestos a ser como el “rey” que con su mansedumbre y humildad es el camino para que nosotros logremos encontrar descanso para nuestras almas.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Toda devoción mariana debe seguir los pasos de Cristo. Y todo lo que decimos acerca de María deberíamos decirlo de nosotros como Iglesia, porque ella es nuestra madre, hermana y modelo. Si Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, María y nosotros también somos hijos e hijas de Dios. Si Jesús tiene un Sagrado Corazón que arde por amor al humano, María tiene un corazón inmaculado que arde con ese mismo amor. ¿Y nosotros?

La devoción al Inmaculado Corazón de María fue promovida por el Papa Pío XII en 1942, durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. El Papa pidió a María tres gracias para los fieles en Cristo: amor a la pureza, práctica de la vida cristiana y celo apostólico. De esta manera nuestro corazón puede llegar a ser como el de ella.

El corazón inmaculado de María es un corazón que no tiene mancha de pecado. Es un corazón que imita el Sagrado Corazón de su Hijo y Dios, Jesús. Es recuerdo de lo que nuestros corazones pueden ser. Es invitación a que nos vayamos purificando y creciendo en amor ardiente por el prójimo.

EN DIRECCION CORRECTA

Si damos un paso hacia Dios, Dios correrá diez pasos hacia nosotros.

—Anónimo