AUGUST 9, 2015
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS ETIQUETTE
Please,
Come to Mass early enough not to disrupt.
Leave late enough not to insult.
Worship reverently enough not to distract.
And dress proudly enough not to offend.

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 (Monday to Friday)**
- 7:00 am - 8:15 am

**Holy Days**
- 7:00 am
- 8:15 am
- 7:00 pm

**1st Friday Exposition**
- 12:30 to 4:45 pm

Sacraments

**Reconciliation**—Saturday, 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism**—4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m.
Contact Parish Office for information

**Marriage**—Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding.

Parish Office Hours

- Monday - Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday - Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Friday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

EMERGENCY NUMBER (510) 309-8097 (During non-office hours)
My Dear Parishioners,

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!”

We are on a journey—a journey of life! This journey brings us to all kinds of experiences and feelings—joy, happiness, satisfaction, kindness, compassion, forgiveness as well as discouragement, disillusionment, fury, anger, bitterness and failure—but do not lose heart. God is always with us and sustains us. We can trust that God is with us at all times since he is Emanuel! Today the responsorial psalm reminds us to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” As Catholics and as people of faith we do taste and see the goodness of the Lord in every celebration of the Eucharist and in our relationship with others. Yes, journeys through life can be difficult and overwhelming with negativity but the lesson for us from today’s Gospel is that we cannot go through life without God. We cannot do it by ourselves. We need Jesus. He invites us to have faith in Him so that we can complete this journey and have eternal life.

We are pilgrims on earth and the journey is long distance! Have you ever identified your spiritual life as a journey? Have you ever felt weak, tired, disappointed or discouraged in this journey? Then you need to appreciate Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the journey for all pilgrims on earth. We need to appreciate this unique dimension of the Holy Eucharist. Eucharist is the bread of life from heaven. It will give you the energy needed for the journey.

Over the years in my priesthood, your kind affirmations of my priestly ministry have certainly helped me to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord” daily.

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9th, 2015
No Children’s Liturgy during August

Second Collection
Next Week: The Catholic Voice

FINANCIAL CORNER

Our Weekly Goal $11,700.00
Sunday Collection—August 2nd $8,752.50
Amount needed to reach goal $2,947.50
Thank you for your continued generosity

Stewardship Report
Stewardship for August 2nd of $437.63 went to FESCO—Family Shelter serving homeless families in Alameda county, providing emergency shelter, support services and after care for homeless families with children.

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Events for the Week of August 10th, 2015

| Mon. 8/10 | 10:00 am | Book Club | SMC        |
| Wed. 8/12 | 7:00 pm  | Spanish Juvenile & Adult Choir | AE Room   |
| Wed. 8/12 | 6:30 pm  | St. Vincent de Paul | AE Room   |
| Thurs. 8/13 | 7:00 pm  | Spanish Youth Group | Soc. Hall |
| Thurs. 8/13 | 7:00 pm  | Our Lady of Fatima Mass & Devotions | Church |
| Thu. 8/13 | 7:00 pm  | Baptism Class | SMC    |
| Fri. 8/14 | 7:00 pm  | Spanish Children’s Choir | Soc. Hall |
| Fri. 8/14 | 7:30 pm  | Vietnamese Choir Practice | AE Room |

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, a Vigil Mass will be offered on Friday, August 14th at 7:00 P.M. in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

RCIA is not just a program for people who are interested in what a Catholic is and why we do what we do, how we worship and why. In RCIA, we are preparing people to receive three Sacraments. The three Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist and confirmation. According to the book that is our guide “RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,” it is written … “Thus the three sacraments of Christian initiation closely combine to bring us, the faithful of Christ, to his full stature and to enable us to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world.”

This means that those of us who have been Baptized, have received First Eucharist and have been Confirmed are not only enabled but called, to carry out the mission of Christ. We are called to be disciples because we have received the Sacraments.

We are giving you the opportunity to carry out Christ’s mission. We want you to help others to learn. The word disciple comes from the word “discipline” which means learner. We stress that we learn as well as share in the RCIA program. Being a member of the RCIA team doesn’t mean that you need to be a teacher. All you have to do is be willing to share your story with others and to help them with their journey. If you think that you may be able to even sit in on a gathering, we begin on Tuesday, September 1st in St. Mary’s Center at 6:30 p.m. You can call the office if you would like Father Eddie or one of the team members to give you more information.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about Catholicism, please call the parish office at 510-351-5244. We will return your call and answer your questions.

HELPER NEEDED
God is a good worker; but loves to be helped.
—Basque proverb

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion
All Masses at 6:30 P.M.
August 13—Thursday
September 14—Monday
October 13—Tuesday

LECTORS’ FORMATION MEETING

When: Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 at 9:45 AM
Where: St. Mary’s Center
Guest Speaker: Sister Dominic, O.P.

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Please Pray for...

George Pieraldi  Mary Valladon  Brandon Lee Salazar
Julie Chin  Rudy Griego  Max Romero
Robert Billmire  Nelson Bayliss  Matilde Guerrero
Peter & Sheryl Smith  Judith Edrosolam  Darryl Shields
Connie Guaraglia  Mel Mederious  Val Mumford
Joyce Guaraglia  Dorothy Feick  Mao Pham
Virgilio Legaspi  Joel Rivera  Carol Boles
Mariah ‘Mia’ Vicedo  Ella Pennington  Wyatt Norell
Pearle Cezair  Ricardo Duenas  Tillie Gumataotao
Mary Helen  Madeleine Marks  Conceição Farinha
Maria Jesus Vargas  Olivia Camciam  Doan Truong
Joey Medeiros  Mike Silva  Van Nguyen
Monica Dias  Maria Nguyen  Beverly Dunn
Dora Romero  Khoat Nguyen  Robert Spencer
John O’Keefe  Joseph Leo  Joe Fresquez
Edgar Romero  Maria Escobar  Elizabeth Valdez
Joe Zipp  Joyce White  Barbara O’Connor
Barbara Maloon  Angelita Corral  Denise Wehrman
Juanita Estrellas  Tu Nguyen  Carmen Marinacchio
Nhi Nguyen  Ruth Brennan  Sharon & Jim Jandik
Mary Young  Peter Purificacion  Ed & Rose Matty
Peggy Miller  Gwendolyn DeVries  Jeannette Frazee
Dan Bautista  Agnes Lemos  Mary Jane McSharry
JoAnne Salazar  Jayla Walker  Daniella Varela
Raymond Bautista  Margarita Ferreira  Yikhuun Behneke
Ann Tran  Goodwin  Toni Souls
Sara Le Fargo  Linda Holt  Joseph Sanches
Dee Darbo  Mae Heasley  Jesse Aguon
Paul Prado  Roseann Adam

** If any person on this list is well and no longer in need of prayers please inform the parish office. If they pass away please let us know so we can pray for the repose of his or her soul.

Who Entered into Eternal Life

Rose Hanson † — July 28, 2015
Marie Vacca † — July 30, 2015
Dolores Granahan † — August 2, 2015

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Please pray for
Alex Bradley and his brother, Preston Ridgway, who are serving in the Middle East

Pray the Rosary for World Peace

7:30 am  Church (daily)
8:45 am  Church (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.)
8:45 am  S.J. Chapel on Thursday

Mass Intentions For the Week of August 9th to 16th

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

Readings for the Week of August 10

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 5-9; John 12:24-26
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-2; Psalm 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalm 114:1-6; Matthew 18:21 — 19:1
Saturday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
Sunday: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:2-7; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Please Pray for the success of Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign
A painter and musician happened upon a spray-painted image of a cross on a walk along a Mexican road. He took a picture of what he saw: a haunting, rough, wild, desolate, but ultimately hopeful image of this universal Christian symbol. The man with the camera was simply out on a hike, but he has the discerning eye of an artist, so he sees things others might not. It is a talent cultivated over years of practice and a reminder to all of us to pay attention—for even the stones cry out the glory of God (cf. Luke: 19-40). Insights and sparks of enlightenment will come to us particularly through spiritual practice and prayer, and in those moments we will know above all else who we are and where we are being called.

—Vision Vocation Guide 2012

We assume the apostles must have been solid, holy people because Jesus handpicked them to be part of his inner circle of friends and disciples. But the gospels present quite a different picture. These were ordinary people who weren’t always clear about Jesus’ message, who occasionally turned their back on Jesus even when he was most in need, and who struggled with their own faith. The apostles’ relationship with Jesus as well as their faith was a work in progress that ultimately brought them closer to God. Like the apostles, we, too, encounter struggles in our relationship with Jesus and our faith. Allow your struggles and missteps to become another positive step in getting to know God more deeply.

—Take Five for Faith

There are many priests, seminarians and consecrated persons here today; be close to them and support them! And if, in the depths of your hearts, you feel the same call to the priesthood or consecrated life, do not be afraid to follow Christ on the royal road of the Cross!

—Pope John Paul II, 2002 World Youth Day

God calls you to make definitive choices, and He has a plan for each of you: To discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfilment.

—Pope Francis, 2013 World Youth Day

The St. Vincent de Paul conference will host Bundle Sunday and Electronic-waste Collection August 22-23, 2015 at the St. Felicitas Parish

The collection times are Saturday 2:00pm to 6:00pm and Sunday 8:30am to 6:00pm. Bundle Sunday bags will be available at all Masses August 15-16, 2015 with a list of acceptable items to donate to the community.

If you do not receive a Bundle Sunday bag, please feel free to use any plastic bag.

God Bless you.

Edgar Walters, President
St. Felicitas SVdP Conference

From . . .

Interfaith Homelessness Network—April Showers

“Please accept our thanks on behalf of the many homeless men, women, and children in the San Leandro area. The IHN operates April Showers entirely with volunteers so all of your donations go directly to benefit the homeless guests who come for showers. We also provide lunch, clothing and personal care items, a bag lunch, and social support services. If you are interested in volunteering please visit our website at www.ihnaprilshowers.org to learn more about us.”

De Marillac Academy

“On behalf of students, alumni, staff and families at De Marillac Academy we thank you for your continued generosity in assisting us in helping us work with low-income families to break the cycle of poverty through education. To follow our accomplishments go to our blog on our website at www.demarillac.org.

Dominican sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

“We are grateful for your contribution to our mission—especially as we rely on this assistance to provide support for formation, education, retirement and other operational needs. Through your goodness we are working to expand our teaching apostolate to reach and form more children in the Catholic faith. To learn more about us you can visit our website at www.sistersofmary.org”
Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

El pan que hicieron los israelitas para su pascua al salir de Egipto no contenía levadura a fin de que no se echara a perder y pudiera servirles de alimento durante el camino. Por eso es que a veces se le llama pan para la travesía. Por supuesto que el maná también los alimentó durante su travesía por el desierto; y lo mismo el Torá. Tan deleitosa y alimenticia es la Palabra de Dios que algunos niños judíos comienzan a aprender el alfabeto hebreo lamiendo la miel que le han puesto sobre cada letra, de manera que aprendan que el Torá siempre debe ser “dulce al paladar”.

La historia de Elías en el desierto tipifica hermosamente las muchas maneras en que Dios provee pan para el camino. Para los cristianos las palabras, las obras y la vida de Jesús, que lo entrega todo por nosotros, es el pan que ansiamos. Sólo él nos da la fuerza y el valor para ser “bondadosos y compasivos los unos con los otros . . . [perdonándonos, y haciendo] del amor la norma de [nuestra] vida” (Efesios 4:32, 5:2). Y, aunque nos parezca raro, nosotros podemos recibir este alimento copioso en la Eucaristía con sólo un sorbito y una migaja.

—Virginia Stillwell

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

El alimento que nos da Jesús no es para ponernos a dormir, sino para avivarnos para la acción. El pasaje de la carta a los efesios se refiere al crisma perfumado con que los bautizados recibimos el “sello impreso en [nosotros] para distinguir[nos] el día de la liberación” (Efesios 4:30). ¿Pudieran otras personas oler en nosotros el suave olor del amor de Cristo y así sentirse atraídos hacia el Señor?
Diocese of Oakland
Pilgrimage to Participate in the World Meeting of Families, Papal Visit & Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd: Our World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage begins as we depart from either San Francisco or Oakland Airports for Philadelphia. Upon arrival, we will join in Evening Mass, followed by our hotel check-in.

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd: Today we will participate in some of the World Meeting of Families (WMF) events. Time permitting, we will visit the St. John Neumann National Shrine and the St. Katharine Drexel Shrine, located on the historic grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday, Sept. 24th: Today we will participate in WMF events. If time allows, we will take a guided tour of historic Philadelphia, visiting key places where the history of our nation was decided. After dinner, return to the hotel.

Friday, Sept. 25th: After breakfast we will join other pilgrims in WMF events, including the WMF closing ceremony. Afternoon sightseeing in Philadelphia.

Saturday, Sept. 26th: This morning, we will join in the Festival of Family events, including the anticipated afternoon welcoming ceremony for Pope Francis.

Sunday, Sept. 27th: Today we will join other pilgrims from around the world in the closing Papal Mass for the Festival of Families.

Monday, Sept. 28th: Morning departure for our return trip home.

World Meeting of Families Package Includes

† Round-trip Airfare from either San Francisco or Oakland Airports (including airport taxes & fuel surcharges, subject to change)
† Hotel for 6 nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Wilmington, DE (or similar) † Breakfast daily at the hotel
† 2 Dinners at Restaurants in Philadelphia area † Luxury Motor Coach Transportation
† Assistance of a Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Representative while in Philadelphia
† Sight-seeing in Historic Philadelphia as well as visits to the various Shrines

Per person cost:
San Francisco: $1875 (double occupancy)
Oakland: $1925 (double occupancy)

Not included in the cost are the following:
WMF Conference Registration Fee
Anything not listed above

For more info visit www.oakdiocese.org/worldmeeting