



August 7, 2005 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

† Servant Leader †

LOOKING AHEAD

As we start the month of August, it will soon be back to school and the many activities of the church will get going fully again. I hope you like the enclosed report on all that is being done at Holy Family School. What a great achievement by Sr. Arlene and the wonderful people who work with her. Holy Family School is a special place and the largest school in our diocese. What Sr. Arlene has achieved is truly wonderful. All parishioners can be grateful to her for doing such great things and making things so easy for the whole parish.

Parish Calendar 2005-2006

We are now completing our calendar for year 2005-2006. It is amazing the number of events that take place in Holy Family Parish throughout the year. We are fortunate this year that our good neighbors, Divine Savior Parish in Orangevale, will allow Holy Family School to use their gymnasium one night a week for sports events. Even with this assistance, every building we have is in use, and it is a real challenge to find a place for everyone.

Serving the Youth of our Parish

The generosity of Divine Savior allows us to have a special night (Thursdays) for our youth. I am delighted that Scot and Jennifer Yearwood will serve this year as Youth Ministry Coordinators. Please God, having open gym and other events will provide a good program for our young people. We will seek to involve youth more in our Masses (especially Sunday 6:00 pm) and give them every chance to be full members of Holy Family Parish.

Speaking of youth, last Sunday we celebrated a special Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist for a young man, Charles Reynolds, who just joined the Catholic Church. He left for Iraq on Friday, August 5, fortified by his new sacraments. All who celebrated the 6:00 pm Mass last Sunday were enriched by this young man joining the church, receiving his sacraments and his desire to serve our country.

Various Parish Ministries Back In Action

The Parish Council, Finance Council, School Advisory Commission and Liturgy Council will all resume their important work in September after a short summer break. These groups are very

important as consultation on all aspects of parish life is essential to the well-being of the Parish. Bishop Weigand has mandated Parish and Finance Councils of every parish, so Holy Family is in good shape on this.

Stewardship

I again thank all who are so dedicated to Holy Family Parish. I am grateful for your generous response to my request for an increase in stewardship giving. The income report looks like we can achieve our goal of \$10,500 per week. Please pray for the success of this and do all you can as God gives you the opportunity.

I hope you liked the articles on wills, bequests and planned giving, and I hope you can call me at (916) 995-0168 on this easy but most helpful way to help Holy Family on a long-term basis and leave a legacy for yourself while building up treasure in heaven.

In the fall, we will make a new effort to pay off the \$903,000 we still owe on the parish loan from the Bishop. At that time I hope we can develop a plan to raise monies for parish improvements (the school provides for itself, taking a huge load off the parish) and to get ourselves in a good position long-term so that Holy Family Parish can prosper.

Dominican Laity in Sacramento

Also, I am happy to announce to all men and women, old and young, married widowed or divorced that you are all invited to attend the first meeting of the Dominican Laity here in Sacramento. Come if you desire a better spiritual life and follow in the steps of St. Dominic who used prayer, study and apostolic works to grow closer to God and his neighbor. The first meeting will be on September 4th at 1:00 pm in St. Mary Hall of the Community Center. Watch for a flyer on the Dominican Laity. For more information please call Phyllis Sale, OPL at (916) 725-5358.

Special Celebration Coming Soon

Finally, on August 15th after the 8:30 Mass, Holy Family Parish will have the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All parishioners are invited to this special, joyful celebration.

May God continue to bless you in all that you do!

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

PARISH VOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Holy Family Parish Vocations Committee will meet this Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at 7:00 pm in the sacristy. Please gather prior to the meeting in the chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, contact Young Stewart at 332-8732 (or email at yestewart@peodigy.net.)

THANK YOU FROM "FLOWERS OF FAITH":

We wish to extend our gratitude to all the parishioners who donated flowers to Holy Family Church during the month of July. Flowers were donated from funerals, weddings, other special celebrations and for many other reasons. God bless you for your kindness and generosity. By the way, if you have any garden flowers you would like to donate, please bring them in at any time to the parish office. All for the honor and glory of God!

Monte Carlo Night Saturday, September 24th

Tickets for Monte Carlo Night are available today at the Knight's of Columbus pancake breakfast, as well as after all the Masses on these Sundays: August 14th & 28th, and September 11th. Tickets are also available by calling Sue Coles at 729-6719. Tickets are \$15.00 each, which includes 2,000 in gaming chips. Early birds who arrive for the event before 7:00pm will receive an extra 2,000 in gaming chips! Mark your calendar and watch for more details!



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS - NEXT WEEKEND:

Next weekend there will be a second collection in support of the annual Catholic Communications Campaign. Your donation will help fund the efforts of the Church to reach out to Catholics and others through print, television, internet and radio materials. The funds raised will benefit both our diocese and national programs. For more information on the Campaign, you can visit their website at www.usccb.org.ccc.

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	10,500.00
Jul 10	\$	10,424.00
Jul 17	\$	10,705.00
Jul 24	\$	8,900.00
Jul 31	\$	10,213.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	53,273.00
Goal-to-Date (5 Weeks)	\$	52,500.00
% of Goal Collected		101.47 %
Annual Goal	\$	546,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	3,750.00
Jul 10	\$	2,858.77
Jul 17	\$	2,165.00
Jul 24	\$	1,492.00
Jul 31	\$	2,087.77
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	13,581.04
Goal-to-Date (5 Weeks)	\$	18,750.00
% of Goal Collected		72.43 %
Annual Goal	\$	195,000.00

SECOND COLLECTION

St. Vincent dePaul	\$	2,210.00
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Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.
(See 1 Kings)

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
 Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, George Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Tina Karlin, Betty Kava, Dewain Koch, Mafua Family, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, John Sayer, Charles Schneider, Richard Seward, Judy Smoot, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand, Bob Westbrook, Jessie Williams, Lani Zacherson

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday: William Sykes +
 Saturday: Beverly Culp +
 Bernadina Pilapil +
 Aurora Baquerfo +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: St. Dominic: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
 Tue: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
 (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein))
 Wed: St. Lawrence, Martyr: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Thu: St. Clare: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
 Fri: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
 Sat: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
 (Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus)





NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



PARISH BREAKFAST:

Today the Knights of Columbus will sponsor and prepare our parish pancake breakfast which will be hosted by the Holy Family Women's Council. All profits from the breakfast will go to the Holy Family Women's Council to help support their ministry during the coming year. Please join us to enjoy a delicious breakfast and to support the wonderful work of the Women's Council. Monte Carlo Tickets will be available at the breakfast.

YOUTH MINISTRY

DID SOMEONE SAY CHOCOLATE?

Join us for an outing to the IMAX theater for a special 3-D viewing of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Bring a friend and receive a free candy treat! Tickets are \$10. We plan to go to an afternoon showing on August 10th. Please call or email as soon as possible if interested. Jr. high & high school youth are invited. We will need adult driver help!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER:

If you would like to receive a copy of the Holy Family Youth Ministry Newsletter, which includes upcoming activities for jr. high and high school youth, please email your name, address, grade, school and phone to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.

COMING SOON!

Annual Pasta Dinner



Saturday, September 10, 2005
No Host Bar - 5:30 pm
Dinner - 6:00 pm



Adults - \$9.00 • Children 12 & Under - \$4.00
Table for 10 - \$80.00

Tickets are available by calling:
Anita Marsolais, 725-1775 or Gerry Matista, 725-1478



Holy Family School

NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS AT HOLY FAMILY PRESCHOOL!

Our program is Literature based which develops into art, science, math and language activities. Special features include Ms. Amy's Gymnastics, daily hot lunch, monthly guest speakers, computers in the classroom and an outside adventure play area, to name a few. The preschool is accepting applications for students ages two (and potty trained) through five. The morning program is in operation from 8:30-11:30am and the afternoon class is from 12:30-3:00pm. Childcare services are available Monday through Friday from 7:00am until 6:00pm. Enrich your child's interest by calling Mrs. Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620.

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The Journey Continues: Synod Pastoral Initiative 4

Becoming a Sacramental Person at the Eucharistic Table

Sunday, August 21, 2005

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center 2110 Broadway, Sacramento

\$20.00 per person

(Morning & Afternoon hospitality offered, please bring a bag lunch)

Facilitated by Gil Bailie, Ph.D

Long before either the Pauline epistles or the Gospels were written, communities gathered regularly for the Eucharistic meal. Each one of us are called to become sacramental people modeled on the self-donation of Christ on the Cross.

To register or for more information,
please call Claudia at 733-0138

PRO-LIFE MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH:

A Pro-life Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on August 12, 2005 at 8:30 am. After holy Mass we will pray the PRO-LIFE rosary in the church.

"While it is true that the taking of life not yet born or in its final stages is sometimes marked by a mistaken sense of altruism and human compassion, it cannot be denied that such a culture of death, taken as a whole, betrays a completely individualistic concept of freedom, which ends up by becoming the freedom of "the strong" against the weak who have no choice but to submit." Evangelium Vitae

You are invited to bring your friends and other Catholics you may know to this Mass. For further info please contact Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY:

Every Friday morning we will recite the pro-life rosary following the 8:30 am Mass. We will gather in the middle section of the church to pray. We will offer our prayers for all life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, the use of the fetus in stem cell research, the death penalty and other pro-life issues. Please join your parish family in this great cause to save lives and souls throughout the world through prayer of the pro-life rosary.

STAY INFORMED - READ THE CATHOLIC HERALD:

Keeping up to date on news and events that impact the lives of Catholics throughout Northern California is as simple as reading *the Newspaper of the Diocese of Sacramento*:

The Catholic Herald

And, getting The Catholic Herald is as simple as calling (916) 452-3344 or the Holy Family Parish Office at 723-2494.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

CATHOLIC RADIO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Celebrate and support your Catholic Radio (1620AM in Sacramento) by participating in the Sixth Annual Immaculate Heart Radio Golf Classic on Monday, August 29th, 2005, at North Ridge Country Club, located at 7600 Madison Avenue in Fair Oaks. Register today for this great day of golf, good food and fellowship or sponsor your favorite priest by contacting Immaculate Heart Radio at 1-866-774-3278 or Patricia Lebreton at patricia@ihradio.org. Space is limited.



TROUBLED MARRIAGE?

If your marriage situation is getting you down - if there is little or no communication - if you are constantly arguing - if you are hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other - if you have thought about separation or divorce or maybe you already are ... BUT you want your marriage to work, Call Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program dedicated to help heal and renew marriages. There is hope! The next program will be held in Modesto, August 19-21. For more info call: Geff and Judy Guenther (209) 541-1547 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

NEED MARRIAGE HELP?:

For preparation and getting off to the right start -
Engaged Encounter (E.E.): Call for dates and locations.

For improvement and enhancement -
Marriage Encounter (M.E.): Aug. 26-28

For troubled marriages and renewal-
Retrouvaille: August 19-21 (see above)

For further information on any of these programs held in Sacramento, CA, please contact:

Engaged Encounter: www.sacee.org
or call Ron & Kathy Bauer at 916-987-0747

Marriage Encounter: srsreqistrar@sbcglobal.net
or call Raul & Gayla Ponce at 866-825-2046

Retrouvaille: www.retrouvaille.org
or Sacramento@RetroCa.com.
or call Fred & Barbara at 800-283-5952
or Fran at 916-362-2525.

THE CHURCH & CONTEMPORARY CULTURE: ENGAGING IN MYSTERY & PREDICAMENT

Friday August 26 through Sunday August 28, 2005
Facilitator - Gil Bailie, Ph.D, noted lecturer and author

Presented by Mercy Center Auburn
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or visit www.mercyauburn.org

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN:

Western Service Workers Association (WSWA) is requesting the assistance to provide back-to-school clothing and school supplies to children of low-income families.

Back-to-school time can be a time of need and humiliation for the children of low-paid workers who cannot afford new clothing on top of increasing rent, food, and utility bills. WSWA distributes new and like-new clothing and school supplies free of charge. Families need school uniforms, especially navy blue bottoms and white tops with collars. Also needed are shoes, socks, and underwear; backpacks and lunch boxes; and supplies such as notebooks, pens, and colored markers.

Volunteers are needed to sign up parents who need help, to sort items in advance of the distribution, and to organize drives to collect clothing and supplies. Please call WSWA at (916) 456-1771 if you can donate items or volunteer your time.

We plan to fill requests for 135 families. The distributions will be held three Saturdays: August 20th, 27th, and September 3rd.

TRAVELS OF FAITH



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY:

Please join us on a fabulous 16-day pilgrimage to Italy, departing November 1, 2005, visiting the sites of the Eucharistic miracles and more!

Visit Florence, Orvieto, Assisi, Rome, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, Corato, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Naples, Pompei, Sorrento, Capri, and on to beautiful Sicily.

For details, please call Gloria Burgett, event coordinator, at 966-2230.

CATHOLIC SINGLES FUN CRUISE TO MEXICO:

OCTOBER 21-24, 2005:

Catholic Singles Network invites all Catholic Single Adults throughout California to a special FUN CRUISE to Mexico. We will be sailing from Long Beach Friday Oct 21st and returning Monday Oct 24th. Rates starting at \$380 per person (inside cabin). Your cruise fare includes food, entertainment/dancing, as well as most activities on. We will have a group for 21-40 years old and a 40+ group. We will have activities and individual activities aboard the ship. To secure your space on board this ship, call Kellee at 888-208-9555 x 86 or email at kelleeb@csnca.com. Additional information can be seen on our website at www.csnca.com.

ARTICLE 12: WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

[As part of our ongoing celebration of the Year of the Eucharist, Holy Family will present each week this series "Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis through the remainder of the church year.]

Once upon a time, some people claim, a parish church during Mass was a quiet and orderly place. People arrived before Mass began and stayed until it was over. Once in the pews, few people left them until it was time for Communion, unless they had a medical emergency.

Those days, if they ever really existed, are long gone. Some Sundays, the church seems nearly as busy as Grand Central Station. People arrive five or ten or fifteen minutes after Mass has begun. Some leave as soon as the communion procession starts, and many others run for the doors when the final song begins.

We might raise some questions about the disrespect for the Eucharist that such behavior expresses, but our focus today is on those people who are told to leave before Mass is over.

There are two such groups in many parishes. The first is composed of children who leave the assembly after the opening prayer to go to another place for their own Liturgy of the Word. They usually return during the Preparation of the Gifts and stay for the rest of Mass.

The other group is dismissed after the homily. They are the catechumens, those adults and children of catechetical age who are preparing for baptism. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults calls for them to be dismissed from the assembly every week until they are baptized. Sometimes those who are candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church also leave with the catechumens, since they cannot receive communion until they are formally received into the Church.

Sometimes people wonder why we are so inhospitable to these folks. Why can't they stay for the whole Mass? There are two ways to answer that question. The Church is not trying to be inhospitable, but those who are not yet baptized or received into communion are not able to join us at the table for Communion. That necessary exclusion could seem inhospitable if they were to stay. The more important reason they are dismissed, however, is so that they can continue to be nourished by the Word of God they have shared with the whole assembly.

When they are dismissed, they go to another space where they can continue to reflect upon the Word of God and share their insights about that word. They usually find these sessions very fruitful for their spiritual growth as they prepare for the sacraments. In fact, it is common for them to express a sense of loss once they are able to stay for the whole Mass. While they treasure the Eucharist, they also miss the richness of the sharing they experienced in the dismissal sessions.

Their dismissal from the assembly might remind the rest of us of two important truths. One is that we who are already baptized are blessed by God with the gift of the Eucharist. We might all learn to appreciate more fully the wondrous privilege that is ours. The second truth to remember is the richness of the word of God that we share in the first half of the Mass. Christ feeds us from the table of the word as well as from the table of the body and blood. How blessed are we who are nourished by both!

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