

August 21, 2005 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven . . ." Matthew 16:19

† Servant Leader †

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST: A CALL TO UNITY

This week, I'd like to share with you an excellent article:

In a March 21, 2005, article in America, a Jesuit weekly magazine, Father Edwin Victor, S.J., wrote about an experience he had while studying in a prominent Indian madrasa (religious training school for Muslims).

"At the madrasa," Father Edwin writes, "the students and I ate together off the same plate. One student told me: 'We eat together like this at home. It is the mark of being together as one family. You are a member of our family. It is a sign of our trust for one another.' As I shared meals with my Muslim friends, I felt close to the way Jesus related to people. For Jesus, a meal was a symbol of life and relationship. Through a simple meal he built up an everlasting relationship between his friends and his Father."

Father Edwin quoted one of the Muslim students as saying, "When we eat from the same plate, our love for one another is deepened." Father Edwin went on to observe, "Sharing meals in this way helped me to feel more deeply united with them and to understand the joys and agonies of their lives."

The symbolism of eating from one plate is very meaningful - and a wonderful idea to apply to the Eucharist.

Pope Benedict and Eucharist

The day after his election to the papacy on April 20, Pope Benedict XVI made several comments on the Eucharist in his first message to the cardinals.

"In a very significant way," Benedict said, "my pontificate starts as the Church is living the special year dedicated to the Eucharist The Eucharist, the heart of the Christian life and the source of the evangelizing mission of the Church, cannot but be the permanent center and the source of the Petrine service entrusted to me."

"The Eucharist makes the Risen Christ constantly present: Christ who continues to give himself to us, calling us to participate in the banquet of his Body and his Blood. From this full communion with him comes every other element of the life of the Church, in the first place the communion among the faithful, the commitment to proclaim and give witness to the gospel, the ardor of charity toward all, especially toward the poor and the smallest."

"I ask everyone," he added, "to intensify love and devotion to the Eucharistic Jesus and to express in a courageous and clear way the real presence of the Lord... "

From One Plate to One Body

Just as eating off the same plate can deepen unity among family members or friends, so when we share with proper awareness the one plate at the Eucharist, we deepen unity and love among ourselves and with the whole Catholic community.

Pope Benedict took this Eucharistic dynamic one step further. "Nourished and sustained by the Eucharist," the pope asserted, "Catholics cannot but feel stimulated to tend toward that full unity for which Christ hoped and prayed in [the Upper Room]."

Building Up the Whole Human Family

Just as Christ in the Eucharist calls us to pursue the ecumenical dream of becoming one vast Eucharistic community embracing all the Christian Churches, so also he calls us to promote the unity and development of the whole human family.

Again, the one-plate model helps us here. A basic principle of Catholic social teaching is that the earth's resources belong to all. Mother Earth, so to speak, presents to each of us the goods of creation on one plate, and each deserves a fair share of the Creator's blessings.

The Eucharist serves as a good model in this regard. In that Holy Banquet, each person receives an equal part of the one loaf, which is Christ himself. And each is fully satisfied. And so it should be with the banquet of creation. Everyone has an equal right "to be seated at the table of the common banquet," to use the words of Pope John Paul II in On Social Concern, #33.

Because of human greed, however, faulty international policies, unfair trade laws and the tendency of the rich to exploit the poor, many disadvantaged brothers and sisters are not able to find even a seat at the table - much less a fair share of the one plate of creation.

Part of our calling as a Eucharistic community is to go out and work alongside people of all faiths and perspectives in the struggle for a more united, loving and just world where everyone in the human family has an equal right to participate fully in the banquet of creation.

In similar tones, Pope Benedict affirmed that the Church wants to work with everyone "in a search for the true good of mankind and of society." Asking God for "unity and peace for the human family," Pope Benedict pledged "the willingness of all Catholics to cooperate for true social development, one that respects the dignity of all human beings."

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN:

Holy Family Religious Education Classes will be starting the fall session on Sunday September 11, 2005. Classes are held after the 9:00 am Mass from 10:10-11:30 am. We are in need of filling three volunteer teacher positions this year. Are you interested in sharing your time and talent to help lead and teach Our Faith to our children? What an awesome opportunity to share your gifts with the youngest of our Church Family. We invite you to please join our teachers and staff on Sunday August 21, 2005 at 10:15 am in the RCIA room at the community center, as we plan together for the new school year. Please call Bonnie Johnson at the Faith Formation Office for more information. 726-7217

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW LECTORS:

A New Lector Training Session will be held on Saturday August 27, 2005 at 10:00 am at the Church. This meeting will be for any current lectors that may have questions or need a brush-up course or anyone new that is interested in learning more about proclaiming The Word. We are in great need of lectors for the Masses on Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 7:30 am. Please join us or call Bonnie Johnson for more information at 726-7217.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10; Mt 16:13-22

Tue: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26 (St. Rose of Lima)


Wed: St. Bartholomew: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51 (Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz)

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: St. Monica: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sun: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



MASS INTENTIONS


Monday: Marie Bourque -Int.; Lorna Burks -Int.

Tuesday: Dewain Koch +

Wednesday: Aurelia Frias Fernandez +; Sixta Galarde +
Inocencio S. Fernandez +

Thursday: Micaela Jordan -Int.
Al Herkowski +; Dewain Koch +

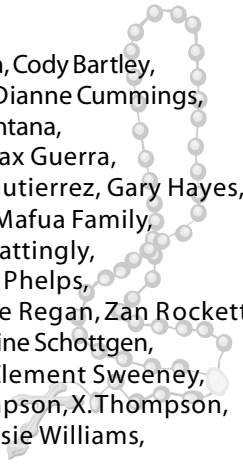
Friday: Censejo Cantago +; Dewain Koch +
Eleuteria Galarde +



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, George Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Dianne Cummings, 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, 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, Katherine Schottgen, Richard Seward, Judy Smoot, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand, Bob Westbrook, Jessie Williams, Lani Zacherson



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

The first step in the RCIA is the period of inquiry. Our inquiry sessions are ongoing, and we are in need of some new faces to join us. If you or someone you know is considering the Catholic faith, please feel free to join us in the Catholic Faith Formation class room in the Community Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. You may also contact Deacon Mark through the faith formation office at 726-7217.

Stewardship
~ a way of life ~

Monte Carlo Night
Saturday, September 24th

Tickets for Monte Carlo Night will be available after all the Masses on Sunday August 28th and Sunday 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 7:00 pm will receive an extra 2,000 in gaming chips! Mark your calendar and watch for more details!



STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,500.00
Jul 24	\$ 8,900.00
Jul 31	\$ 10,213.00
Aug 7	\$ 11,491.00
Aug 14	\$ 10,014.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 74,778.00
Goal-to-Date (7 Weeks)	\$ 73,500.00
% of Goal Collected	101.74 %
Annual Goal	\$ 546,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Jul 24	\$ 1,492.00
Jul 31	\$ 2,087.77
Aug 7	\$ 3,325.00
Aug 14	\$ 2,321.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 19,227.04
Goal-to-Date (7 Weeks)	\$ 26,250.00
% of Goal Collected	73.25 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SECOND COLLECTION	
Catholic Communications (Proceeds are remitted uncounted)	
<i>In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. The people declare, "We also will serve the Lord." May we be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts. See Joshua 24:18</i>	



Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL will begin the 2005 - 2006 school year on Monday, August 22, with the traditional Open House from 9 a.m. until noon. All students and parents are to attend this school day to meet the faculty and staff and to lay the foundation for building this year's unique school community. August 23 and 24 will be Minimum Days (8 a.m. - noon), and all students are to be in uniform. August 25 and 26 will be full school days for Grades 2 - 8, and Minimum Days for Grade 1. Kindergarten students attend school during the first week according to the schedule in the separate kindergarten mailing. The Extended Day Center will open for students on Tuesday, August 23, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Extended Day will not be open for students on August 22.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

AYUDA PARA HACER EL BOLETIN:

Se solicita la ayuda de algún voluntario(a) para continuar realizando el boletín en español. Si conoces un poco de computación o sabes como usar la computadora y programas básicos, animate para ayudar a realizar este medio tan importante de comunicación para nuestra comunidad hispana. Si estás interesado(a), llámale al Padre Santiago al 723-2494. De no tener nuevos voluntarios, el boletín dejará de salir los domingos.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS BREAKFAST CLUB:

The Club meets next on Weds., Sep. 14, from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard, Sacramento (Business 80 & Arden Way West). Catholic author Carl Olson, will speak on: "The *DaVinci* Hoax: Exposing the Errors in *The DaVinci Code*." To reserve your place, please register by calling (916) 930-1144 by Monday, Sep. 12, at 12:00 noon.

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

A NEW MINISTRY FOR HOLY FAMILY MOTHERS!

Mothers of all ages are invited to join us here at Holy Family for our first 9-week session. The purpose of the Mother's Ministry at Holy Family is to bring mothers together to grow in their sense of community, friendship and in their spiritual lives, and to provide a place for them to encourage and affirm each other in their spirituality and in their vocation as mothers. In this ministry, we will be piloting the Women of Grace program using the Full of Grace book written by Johnnette S. Benkovic. Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings - perfect for mothers who work out of the home and for stay at home Moms! This is truly a gift to yourself and the entire family. The orientation for the upcoming session will be in the evening on September 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Fine Arts Center. Please pick up a brochure at one of the church entrances and contact Jasmin Gonzales at 771-3795 or Julie Desrochers at 784-7622 for registration information.

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.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:

Parenting classes will be held on Mondays from: 6 pm - 8 pm beginning September 19th, 2005 through October 24th, 2005. The Parenting Class is a six-week program with a fee of \$55 for individuals/\$95 for couples per 6-week class. Please call Catholic Social Service/New Pathways Counseling at 452-7481 for further information and to enroll. The deadline to enroll is September 12, 2005.

IMPORTANT CATHOLIC CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Effective September 1, there will be sizeable price increase for pre-reservations of the new Holy Family mausoleums at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery and St. Theresa at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Pre-construction discounts of up to \$1500 will remain through the end of this month. Planning in advance of loss is a wise decision, as waiting could be costly. Our exclusive Cemetery Plan offers affordable no-interest payments, prices significantly below secular cemeteries, and peace of mind for you and your family. For more information, contact Kathleen at (800) 611-1804 or (916) 521-5489.

THE DOMINICAN LAITY IN SACRAMENTO:

Holy Family Parish is happy to announce to all men and women that you are 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. For more information please call Phyllis Sale, OPL at (916) 725-5358.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

AN EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC:

Come join the 11:30 Mass band from Divine Savior Catholic Church for an evening of contemporary Christian music for the whole family, Sunday August 21, 2005, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Divine Savior is at 9079 Greenback Lane in Orangevale. Love offerings will be accepted. For more information, please call 916-606-9738.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED:

St. Patrick's Home for Children's Foster Care Program is seeking people interested in providing a supportive, stable, safe and loving home for children who have been removed from their families. You will receive orientation, professional training, 24 hour support, and meet with a professional social worker on a weekly basis for ongoing support. If you are at least 21 years of age, in good health, and would like to explore this opportunity to be a positive influence in a child's life, please call the Foster Care Program at 916-386-1603.

Also, St. Patrick's Home accepts vehicle donations to benefit its programs. For information on this please call 916-428-1601. Thank you for supporting St. Patrick's Home for Children.

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.

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
For more information call (530) 887-2019
or visit www.mercyauburn.org

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.



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.

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.

ARTICLE 14: PRAYERS OF THE BAPTIZED

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

The deacon or the lector says, "For our Holy Father and all the leaders of the church, let us pray to the Lord." And all of us immediately know how to respond: "Lord, hear our prayer." This form of prayer was new to Catholics after the Second Vatican Council, but by now the response is almost automatic. The danger with automatic responses, of course, is that we tend to forget the deeper meaning of what we do and say.

The petitions that follow the Profession of Faith are called the Prayer of the Faithful or the General Intercessions. Each name tells us something important about this prayer.

It is called the Prayer of the Faithful because this prayer is said only by those who are baptized, those who belong to the Order of the Faithful. Remember that the catechumens, who are not yet baptized, are dismissed before this prayer begins. This is a time when we who are baptized carry out one of the responsibilities that flows from our baptism - to pray for the needs of the world. By baptism we share in the priesthood of Christ. As Christ prayed for and gave his life for the good of all people, so we are called to offer prayers and intercessions for the needs of all people today.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that this prayer generally includes four main categories of intentions: "for the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty and for the local community" (# 70). There may be more than one

petition in any of those categories, but these general areas remind us that the prayer is to be universal in scope. It seeks to address the needs of all people, near and far. Thus the prayer is also called the General Intercessions.

At the same time, while they are to be broad in scope, the petitions are also to be current and local. They address the needs of our world in our own time, and they reflect local needs as well as global ones. This is really the reason that these petitions were restored to the Mass after the Second Vatican Council. The rest of the prayers at Mass are prescribed in the official books. Though we can choose from a number of options in the liturgy, we are not free to rewrite them or create our own. In the Prayer of the Faithful, by contrast, we are expected to write our own. Though published examples can give us ideas of how to compose them, the petitions are intended to be written each week in the local community. Otherwise they cannot reflect what is happening at this particular time and in this particular place.

One way we might all prepare for Mass each week is to consider what needs we would include in the Prayer of the Faithful. We might read the paper or watch the news and list current concerns that we might lift up in prayer. And we might well lift up such intercessions to God every day in our own prayers at home, for we share the priesthood of Christ wherever we are.

© 2004 Lawrence E. Mick. This series was originally written by Fr. Mick for the Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Distributed by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) 415 Michigan Avenue, NE, Suite 70, Washington DC 20017.

FEATURED **BULLETIN ADVERTISER**

This Week's featured
bulletin advertiser is:

Knights of Columbus **Infant Mary Council**

Please support those who support our parish by
patronizing our bulletin advertisers!

Knights of Columbus
Infant Mary Council



WE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE
FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILIES &
HOLY FAMILY PARISH

WHY NOT JOIN US?

For Information Contact

Bill Swars 916-722-5578
Jim Donaker 916-729-5975