



January 18, 2009 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter." John 1:42

† Servant Leader †

LETTER FROM BISHOP SOTO

This week I am glad to provide a letter from Bishop Soto inviting the faithful of the Diocese to join him in a day of fasting, abstinence, prayer and works of charity in observance of January 22, 2009, the lamentable anniversary of Roe v. Wade.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I invite all Catholic men and women in the Diocese of Sacramento as well as all people of good will to join together for a day of fasting, abstinence, prayer and works of charity in observance of Thursday, January 22, 2009, as a day of reparation for the sinful national scourge of abortion. We mark the day in this manner because it is the lamentable anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

There will be a Mass celebrated at the Cathedral on that day, 10:30 a.m., followed by a march to the Capitol and rally.

As a guide to those who are able to fast on that day, it is recommended that those fasting limit themselves to one full meal. Those choosing to abstain may refrain from eating meat that day or from anything that is normally consumed as part of one's daily routine. Works of charity are particularly encouraged: helping at a food distribution center, visiting the sick or imprisoned, assisting at shelters for women-in-need and families.

Our efforts are a particularly important source of intercession and grace for the newly inaugurated administration. We pray that our president recognize and labor to protect the human dignity of the unborn child.

May the prayers as well as the practices of penance and charity bring us into fuller communion with the life-giving work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

FOCA: A RADICAL THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE

*We are facing the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever--the "Freedom of Choice Act", or FOCA. This bill would create a right to abortion the government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. Citizens would lose the freedom they now have to enact even modest regulation of the abortion industry. FOCA would:*

- *Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists*
- *Force American taxpayers to fund abortions*
- *Force every state to allow partial-birth abortions--its sponsors have said a primary purpose of the bill is to ensure that killing partially born children will again be permitted nationwide*
- *Run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds*
- *Strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision*

Simply put, if FOCA becomes law, it will put at risk all the widely-supported laws that for 35 years have promoted women's health, ensured informed consent, protected minors, ensured parental involvement, safe-guarded rights of conscience, and respected the desire of most citizens not to support abortion with their tax dollars.

FOCA also explicitly encourages challenges in court against any law or regulations that protects unborn children and their mothers and families in the abortion context, promising a virtual cottage industry of lawsuits.

And FOCA's tentacles would reach beyond federal policies to every state and local law or regulation having to do with abortion.

FOCA is without doubt the most radical abortion legislation ever considered in the United States.

Abortion supporters have been trying to pass FOCA since 1989--and now we have a Congress more disposed than any in recent years to pass the bills, and a new President who has said he will sign the measure into law.

Your voice is needed more than ever! At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn--not single out the most defenseless human beings for an expanded attack on their lives.

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Please urge your federal elected officials to oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and to retain laws against the federal funding and promotion of abortion. FOCA embodies the public policy goals of pro-abortion groups. These groups will promote the bill's passage directly, and advance its agenda by working to reverse pro-life laws one at a time.

What You Can Do

- Sign a postcard
- Write a thoughtful letter
- Make a phone call
- Send an e-mail message
- Write a letter-to-the-editor to your local paper
- Call a radio talk show
- Speak at a public event
- Meet with your Representative and Senators
- Place an ad in a local paper. See: www.usccb.org/prolife/media/docs/foca.pdf

Where to Call

- U.S. Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121. Ask for the offices of your Representative and two Senators.
- The White House: 202-456-1111.

Where to Write

- The Honorable _____*
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
(*Find your Rep. by zip code at www.house.gov)
- The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510
- The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510
- The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Send an E-Mail

- E-mail messages reinforce communications sent through postcards, letters, phone calls, and personal meetings. To send e-mails to Capitol Hill or the White House, please visit the special e-mail action page at: nchla.org.

For More Information

Please visit nchla.org and usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA
Your help is urgently needed—please take action today!

See Page 7 for more on FOCA efforts at Holy Family this weekend.

Stewardship
~ a way of life ~

Today's Second Collection:

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Of the 37 million people considered to be living below the poverty line, 45% work full time but still do not make enough money to feed their families, keep roofs over their heads, and pay for health care. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports community-based projects - founded and managed by the poor themselves that work toward building a better and more just community where poverty does not exist. You can make a difference. Please donate prayerfully and generously in today's CCHO Collection.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THRIFT STORE:

Many of our neighbors and friends have lost everything in this recession - the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. With your help, they can begin to rebuild their lives, to turn a house, however humble, into a home for their families. We understand that you may also be struggling to cope with the pain of the downturn. Yet, I ask you to look around your home for some ordinary things that you no longer use but may ease the suffering of less fortunate neighbors. If you can spare any of the following items, cookware, utensils, plates, towels, linens, home decorations, sleeping bags, or anything else in good repair, please call 972-1212, to donate or simply drop them off at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, located at 2275 Watt Avenue (southwest side of Watt near Butano Drive).

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Dec 21	\$ 8,946.00
Dec 28	\$ 9,641.00
Jan 4	\$ 12,163.00
Jan 11	\$ 10,423.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 288,693.00
Goal-to-Date (28 Weeks)	\$ 308,000.00
% of Goal Collected	93.73 %
Annual Goal (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Legacy Restoration Appeal	\$ TBD
<p><i>In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."</i></p>	
<p><i>See Samuel 3:4, Psalm 40</i></p>	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tue: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wed: St. Agnes: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thu: Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Fri: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Sat: St. Francis de Sales: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
Sun: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



QUESTION OF THE DAY

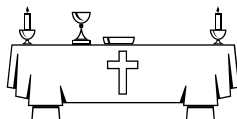
Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus?

Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Carmen Ferlisi +
Edward O'Malley +
Robert Ferrie +
Tue: Sally Fisher –Int.
Orville & Dolores Fisher –Int.
President Barack Obama –Int.
Wed: Lucy Campbell –Int.; Veronica Maeir +
Thu: Lucy Campbell –Int.; Veronica Maeir +
Fri: Agnes Meuser –Int.; Theodor Meuser +
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Richard Bartucco +
4:30 pm Mass Deanna Westmark –Int.
Francis Bradley +
Michael Rath –Int.
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Jose San Gabriel +
9:00 am Mass Pro Populo



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

(Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove a name.)

Marion Amescua, Bernadette Baniecki, Marie Baniecki, Audrey Brown, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulle, Betty France, Gazella Erickson, Henrietta Escovilla, Lillian Flaherty, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Carolyn Graham, Joe Grom, Rita Gulate, Jason Hayes Family, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Rosalie Ingle, Bill Keenan, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Msgr. Mistretta, Jason Murphy, Chester Pallach, Loretta Parsons, Nona Piha, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Christine Regan, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelley, Ron Skolte, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Simon Sucharski, Xavier Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson



Holy Family School

HFS NEWS: Congratulations to our school Geography Bee winner, Ama Patrinnellis, of grade 6W. She competed against nine other finalists: Alix Bradford (grade 8K and runner-up), Jaret Fiffick (grade 5H), Kelley Gallaway (grade 8K), Erin Jarvis (grade 8A), Tristan McGrath (grade 6S), Shashi Mireles (grade 7DM), Taylor Peterson (grade 7SM), Alyse Toth (grade 7DM), and Nikki Wihl (grade 8K). We are proud of all these students and send our best wishes and support to Ama who took the written Bee exam last Monday, January 12th.

In addition, we congratulate our two students who represented us at the Diocesan Speech Contest: Racquel Gonzales (grade 7DM) and Laura Farris (grade 8A). We will let you know how they did and thank Mr. Don Marsolais for coaching them.

During the coming week our Student Council is sponsoring a Skating activity on Tuesday afterschool for students in grades 1-8. We will also be praying for our new President, Barack Obama, who will be inaugurated on January 20, 2009.

Lastly, on Friday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. we will celebrate the Eucharist as a community and invite all parishioners to celebrate with us.

REGISTRATION

At Open House on January 25, 2009, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. applications for the 2009-2010 school year will be located in each of the classrooms for new families only. Families presently enrolled, please pick up and sign for your registration packet at the Registration Table. We will have 3-4 stations alphabetically to expedite the process. Completed applications will be accepted starting Monday, January 26, 2009. Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2009; however, if we have seats available, we will consider those who turn 5 by December 1, 2009. It is our goal to have all completed applications in the office by February 16, 2009.

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ - MONOPOLY AUCTION AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



It's **ALMOST HERE**. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for March 7, 2009. If you have not joined us before, you don't want to miss out on this event! Puttin' on the Ritz auctions traditionally sell out. Invitations will be available in the Parish Office in late January with details.

The event consists of Live and Silent Auctions, a formal sit-down dinner, live entertainment and dancing until the nights end. So get ready to "Pass Go" and take a "Chance" with us as we fill our "Community Chest."

Want to know what's going on at Holy Family School? Just visit our web site at: **www.ch-holyfamilyschool**

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: Join us this Sunday (Jan. 18th) for Fat or Fiction and test your knowledge of Street Smarts! 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

LA CONGRESS AND SOCIAL TRIP: High School Teens, have you turned in your forms and deposit for the LA Congress Youth Day & Disneyland Trip?!? Forms and more info available on our site: www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com and from the Youth Office (916-721-8329).

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL: No Youth Group this week...but join us in next week (Monday, January 26th for "I WANT THAT!"

TEEN DROP-IN: Teen Drop-In this Wednesday, stop by do your homework, test your Rocker skills, and hang out with your friends...3-7 PM in the Youth Office.

Wondering what to expect in Youth Ministry this Spring? Our Spring 2009 Schedule is NOW available online @ www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com

THE HFYM CAFÉ IS NOW OPEN! Stop by the Community Center Sundays after Mass for mochas, lattes, hot cocoa, and more and help support your parish Youth Ministry!

YOUNG ADULTS: Join us Thursdays this month for Scripture Study...Come find out what we can learn from some of the "Bad Girls of the Bible," 7-9 PM in the Youth Office.

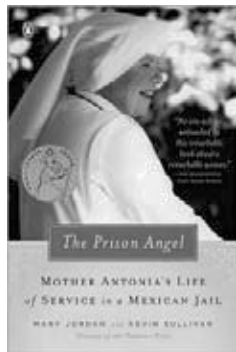
The next Scoop on Theology will be on Tuesday, February 3rd from 7-9 PM at the Leatherby's in Citrus Heights. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Jason Clark speaking on LOVE! More details & Spring Schedule available on our blog: www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com

SPECIAL EVENT:

MOTHER ANTONIA TO SPEAK AT HOLY FAMILY

Hear Mother Antonia, "The Prison Angel"; speak about her life of service in a Mexican jail. Before she was known as Mother Antonia, Mary Clarke was a blond Beverly Hills socialite who had been married and divorced twice and raised seven children. She was 50 when she left suburban Los Angeles for La Mesa, Tijuana's prison.

Mother Antonia will be speaking at Holy Family Church on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 1:30 PM. We are hoping to arrange a book signing, as well. A donation will be collected.



Prayer Opportunities

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army), now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family. All are welcome Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

VOCATIONS CROSS

Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family returns the cross and another family is presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm - 5:00 pm



Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.



DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

The Dominican Laity meets at Holy Family on the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary Hall, 12:30-3:00 pm. Come join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For information call Phyllis Sale, 725-5358.

"Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him"

Mother Theresa

www.holyfamilych.org

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2009

“That they may become one in your hand.” (Ezekiel 37:17)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 to 25, 2009 is a very important time in the life of the church. It just happens to be Sunday to Sunday this year.

During this time, we pray for the unity of all who bear the name of Jesus, using the following scriptural text as our theme: “That they may become one in your hand” (Ezekiel 37: 15-19, 22-24a). The theme and text for each year’s observance of the Week of Prayer are chosen and prepared by representatives of the World Council of churches and representatives of the Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. This year’s text brings to mind the fact that, despite the separation of Christians from each other, God is always calling us to unity.

Bishop Soto looks forward to being part of Ecumenical events in January. You are invited to attend the following blessed services.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 5:30-7:30 P.M. — MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Capitol Christian Center, 9470 Micron Avenue, Sacramento

In this prayer event, Bishop Soto will read the “Prayer of Rededication to the Dream”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 10 A.M. -3:00 P.M. — PRESENTATION FOR LAITY ON ST. PAUL - ECUMENICAL PERSPECTIVE

Fr. Ronald Witherup and Dr. Scott McClelland, Ph.D.; Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 7:00-8:30 PM — TAIZE PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Holy Family Catholic Church will celebrate our unity in Baptism with Christians from many traditions to pray in the spirit of the Taize Community. Praying in word, song and silence, the purpose of this ecumenical gathering is to pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world. There is a place for everyone at this gathering. We leave our differences outside, and as one worshipping body in the spirit of Taize, we praise God.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2:00-3:00 P.M. — CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENT

St. John’s Lutheran Church, 1701 L Street, Sacramento; Bishop Soto will be the preacher at this service.

As we look forward to the year 2009, let us rejoice in God’s dwelling among the Christian communities, and pray together, in response to Jesus’ prayer: “That they all may be one” (Jn.17:21). Please phone the parish office if you have any questions on these events.



Catholic Faith Formation

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone you know has not completed their Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Family Parish will be offering Adult Confirmation classes beginning January 28th from 7:30–9:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation class room of the Community Center. Please contact Michelle Rose in the Faith Formation Office at 726-7217 for more information and to register.

PARISH BREAKFAST TODAY!

The Hispanic Apostolate is serving breakfast today.

After the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses –
a regular breakfast menu will be served.

After the 10:30 am. Mass –
Chicken Flautas along with salad and refreshments.

Really delicious!

HOLY FAMILY AT 60 - SHARE YOUR HISTORY

As this is the 60th Anniversary of our Holy Family Parish, it would be wonderful to have copies or originals of any documents, pictures or personal accounts on the history of Holy Family’s origins, the beautiful Living Christ Statue, the Relic in the Altar or any other activity or item that you may wish to share in order to truly compile a comprehensive Holy Family History. Of particular interest are photos and personal stories pertaining to the building up of Holy Family Parish.

As time goes on, much of this history will be lost. Compiling and sustaining an archive of our history is of importance to honor our past and to present its memories to those in the future. We would like to augment the information already found on our website under Parish History at <http://holyfamilych.com/life/photos.htm>.

This can be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the road we’ve traveled as a parish community and to pray for God’s graces for this parish now and in the future.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

WINTER 2009 SESSION CONTINUES

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Here at Holy Family we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called Catholics Returning Home. The current series continues **TOMORROW NIGHT**, Monday, January 19th. We will meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for four more weeks. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, please call Jim or Beth at 223-2648.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



ARE YOU A KNIGHT?

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of more than 1.7 million Catholic men through the world. Catholic men 18 years of age and older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, NOW!!!

Look for the Red Jackets at all Masses on Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25. You can sign up now – it's as easy as completing an application. Ask our Knights for more information.

The Knights of Columbus believe that a man is defined by his ACTIONS and as a FOLLOWER OF GOD, and as a LEADER IN HIS COMMUNITY. \$25.00 a year covers all your dues. Business meetings are held monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Many of your friends are members – why not YOU??

BLOOD DRIVE!

It's time for our first blood drive for 2009, which will be on Sunday, February 1, with registration between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. If you wish to make an appointment, please call Joe Rath at 729-6584 or Larry Larsen at 961-1036. Looking forward to seeing our "regulars," and meeting some "newbies"!

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER FOR BGMH

January brings us to more worthwhile and fun events for the new year. First up is our Annual Baby Shower for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. The date is January 25, 2009, in St. Joseph Hall of the Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 with lunch being served at 2:00 pm. As usual, we will have games, prizes and a wonderful lunch. Price of admission is new or gently used baby items. It's always wonderful to see all the beautiful items that everyone brings. This is such a worthy cause, so bring your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled afternoon. Any questions, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775. Set the date on your calendars. God bless you and thank you in advance for your support.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

SIGN POSTCARDS TO OPPOSE FOCA

A bill in Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act" or FOCA, represents the most serious legislative threat to unborn children ever. FOCA would eliminate a broad range of existing laws-informed consent, parental involvement laws, laws which prohibit certain partial birth abortions, conscience protection laws, abortion clinic regulations and so on. FOCA would impose an extreme abortion regimen on our country.

Bishop Jamie Soto has requested that all parishes participate in a postcard drive. At each Mass this weekend you will be invited to fill out the postcards to your two US Senators (Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer) and your US Representative.

Look for tables at all the exits and sign those postcards!!! Let your voice be heard in Washington!!!

If you can help with this effort, please contact Sally Fisher at 780-5305 as soon as possible – the need is urgent!

JOIN US – THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009

CALIFORNIA PROLIFE COUNCIL PRAYER BREAKFAST CONVENTION & RALLY

Prayer Breakfast 8:00AM to 10:00AM

ANNUAL PRO LIFE MASS JANUARY 22, 2009

Celebrant: Bishop Jaime Soto

10:30am, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

1017 11th Street-Sacramento

Special note: Pro-Life Rosary will be recited at 10 am.

The St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School Campus

Ministry Choir will be providing the music!

RALLY FOR LIFE

12 noon At the West Steps of the Capitol

Questions? Call the Respect Life Office (918) 733-0133

5TH ANNUAL WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH 2009

Join thousands of pro-lifers, priests, sisters and other religious and walk along the beautiful Embarcadero in San Francisco to promote and celebrate the choice of Life!! It is truly a religious experience. Buses are still available throughout the Sacramento area. For further info please contact: Bunny Collins at 332-4791 or Kathy DeSantis at 335-4553. Move quickly because the buses are filling!!! We'll see you there!