

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ May 25, 2008



How important is the Eucharist to you? Do you take advantage of opportunities to receive it? Consider what Jesus told the disciples: "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." We have heard the saying, "You are what you eat." If you would become more Christ-Like, then the Eucharist should be a very important part of your life. It will not transform you and make you perfect over night. It will provide you with the grace you need to move closer to that goal and it will remind you of this most important goal. Make it a priority to receive the Eucharist every time you attend Mass and, receiving Communion, take a few moments to thank God for this gift and to renew your commitment to become more like Christ.

### MASSES for the WEEK

*We, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of one loaf.*  
- 1 Corinthians 10:17

Sat, 5/24	5:00	†Diane Serafino
Sun 5/25	9:00	†Rusty Cochetti
	11:00	†Kathryn O'Neill
	5:00	Victoria Jardini
Mon, 5/26	9:00	†Mary T. Clark
Tue, 5/27	9:00	Adaile Meier
Wed, 5/28	9:00	†Maria Amaral
Thu, 5/29	9:00	
Fri, 5/30	9:00	†Eddie Augustinsky
Sat, 5/31	9:00	Carol Thornberry
	5:00	†Casimir Gorczyca, MD
Sun, 6/1	9:00	†Rusty Cochetti
	11:00	†Casimir Gorczyca, MD
	5:00	†Evelyn Gorman

### Meetings This Week

Lectors	Tues, 7:00, church
Scripture Study	Weds, 9:30, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds, 7:00, church
Youth Group	Thur, 6:30, hall

### 2008 Bishops Annual Ministries Appeal

The pledges are still coming in. We now have \$60,185. from 145 families. Thank you to all of you who have already pledged to support the Mission of the Church. If you haven't yet, there is still time to send in your pledge. Just put your AMA envelope in the collection basket, or send it in to the parish office. Remember, if you did not receive an envelope you can find some in the vestibule.

*God Bless You*

### Remember In Your Prayers

*Mike Albin, Jack Aiello, Karen Andresen, Suzette, Laverne Austin, Leah Borg, Bill & Mary Dekyne, Cliff Escobar, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Sr. Marie, Joe Leavitt, Lauren Letzsch, Ray Martin, Ryan Perry, Amy Rianda, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Patricia Roel, Linda Silvestri, Carson & Pam Souza, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Carol, Jim Thornberry, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Madison Wheeler, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt, and Sue Zavala.*

If you or someone you know would like the faith community of St. Joseph's Parish to join you in prayer for special needs, contact the parish office, 455.2249. We do remove names after one month, so if we have taken a name from the list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on the list.



Sunday Plate	\$8,675.75
Catholic Charities	4,135.00



Vacation Bible School is coming to Saint Joseph's  
the Summer of 2008!

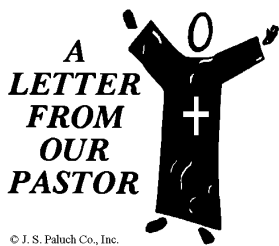
Join us for an action-packed week of Fun, Music,  
and Faith

for School Age Children  
(Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)

June 23 through June 27, 9:00 AM to 12 PM  
Registration Forms available in the Religious

Education Building

Call Patti Coonce @ 455-8720 for more information



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Because of the questions that I have received concerning my surgery of my face, I realized that I have said nothing about the results. The surgery promised to begin very well. One of the

people, a friend, came into my room just before going to the operating room holding a glass of bourbon and carrying a small hammer. She told me she was the anaesthesiologist and they were going to use an alternative to the syringe. I was excited but it turned out to be a joke. It was just tea and I could not have it until after the operation.

All went well although I did not come out looking like Brad or George, neither did I come out looking like Joan. When I got home and was able to take off the bandages, there was slight swelling on both my cheeks and I did look like a famous and popular movie star; Alvin the chipmunk. As the swelling went away so did the likeness - oh well! The results of the tests on the tissue removed indicated no cancer.

Which brings me to the week of prayer for people with cancer. It went very well. There were more people each day as people from the peninsula heard about it. Each day there was what was suppose to be a small reception after the Mass. In quality and variety it would compare well with The Hyatt Regency and in quantity it looked like it had been prepared for the relief workers at the quake site in China. Everyone seemed to enjoy the week and we may try something similar again.

The other piece of local news is that Sister Liliana is retiring from her work in Religious Education here in Saint Joseph parish. I am not sure how many years she has worked here, but she was here when I arrived. The difficulty now is that she is uncomfortable with the commute from Gonzales. We will have a going away celebration with a reception for Sister after each liturgy on June 7 and 8. She will be greatly missed and will be remembered by generations of students she prepared for Communion and Confirmation.

*Father Jim*



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### Salesian Sisters' Summer Camp

**Camp Auxilium**, a girls' resident and day camp run by the Salesian Sisters at 605 Enos Lane in the Corralitos foothills just outside of Watsonville, is a great place for girls ages 6-14 to enjoy wholesome summer fun, friendship, and formative activities in a safe, family atmosphere.

**Camp Season:** June 22-July 19 - Reservations may be made for 1 - 4 weeks. ("Early Bird" rates for camp fees paid by May 31) for registration forms or more info call Sr. Lourdes at 831-728-4700 ext. 4.

## Religious Education

New registration forms for the scholastic year 2008-09 are available at the parish and religious education offices.

**Registration deadline is June 30, 2008.**



**The Diocesan Choir of Monterey would like to invite you to a sample concert of their Italy tour.**

**Sunday, May 25, 8:00 PM at Carmel Mission.**

*Donation for the Diocesan concert is \$10.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Funds will go to choir members to help with the cost of the trip.*

### Summer School at Palma

Palma Summer School is now accepting applications for all interested students entering grades 7-12 in the Fall who need remediation in core subjects or who wish to improve their skills in preparation for the next school year. Brochures with registration forms are available at Palma's school office are call 422-6391 for additional information.



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This Tuesday, May 27, 2008 there will be a meeting for all Lectors at 7:00 in the church. If you are interested in reading at Mass, don't be shy, come and find out more!

### MASS ON THE GRASS

Remember our parish picnics and "Mass on the Grass"? Are you interested in getting that going again? If so, give Donna a call at the parish office , 455-2249. If we can get a committee together maybe we can resume this fun family event.

**Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.**



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**The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nations service.**