



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2009

Every religious group believes that their expression of faith, their rules and traditions are the "right" ones. Many believe that unless you believe as they do, you are not "saved." Yet all the groups have similar teachings and those that share the name "Christian" have all heard the command of Jesus: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself" The Gospels tell us that God's ways are not ours and that God's love is not restricted to just a few. Salvation is a gift that has been given to everyone. So what are we to think? Jesus has given us the answer: "Anyone who is not against us is with us" it is our actions that reveal the work of the Spirit within us, not the church we attend. There are many paths and they all lead us to God's unending love. Pay attention to your path and allow the Spirit to guide others.

The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
- Psalm 19:8

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat, 9/26	5:00	†Bernard Eggerman
Sun 9/27	9:00	Ron Stanley
	11:00	†Rosa and †Mathias Dardak
	5:00	†Maria and †Johann Sedlicky
Mon, 9/28	9:00	Patty Atwood and †Evelyn Lee
Tue, 9/29	9:00	†Lowry Backus
Wed, 9/30	9:00	†Rosa and †Hans Sedlicky
Thur, 10/1	9:00	
Fri, 10/2	9:00	†Jim Huff
Sat, 10/3	9:00	†Herma Pueringer
	5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun, 10/4	9:00	†Frances Gall
	11:00	†Enoch Paul Stanley
	5:00	Gerry Hitchcock

Remember In Your Prayers

Cesare Aguccioni, Gus Aiello, Gus Andersen, Laverne Austin, Alice Babione, The Balch Family, Miriam Bradley, Karen Brewer, Peggy, Mary Carnazzo, Maricella Carranza, Janet Cohen, Pearl Dailey, Linda Davis, Al DeCarli, Betty Ruth Ellington, Dion, Cliff Escobar, Jasper Foletta, Wayne Freeman, Joey Gardner, Warren Goldman, Christopher Gomez, Ada Granger, Tom, Maggie Horowitz, Silvia Jaksha, Lorraine Jacop, Mary Lou Kelner, Ruth & Hans Kiessling, Laverne, Joe Leavitt, Bill Lee, Dan Menke, Paula, Gene Oliverio, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Rodney Scandrett, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Bud Shannon, Sam, Carson & Pam Souza, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Gene Tissot, Ray Urquides, Garrett Weeks, Bob Whitaker, Penny Austin-Wilson and Vicky Woods

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.

Meetings This Week

RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Scripture Study	Weds, 9:30, 7:00, hall

On Tuesday, the RCIA meeting at 7:00 PM, will include a talk by Father Jim on the History of the Church.
All are welcome.

From The Office of Religious Education

During the week of September 28 - October 1, the Religious Education office will be open from 1 - 3:30 pm.

Swine Flu

Because of the Swine Flu (H1N1 virus), the Bishop has once again made the decision to limit the following practice at liturgy: **a)** refrain from offering a handshake or other physical contact at the Sign of Peace, **b)** the Eucharistic Bread should be distributed only in the hand and not on the tongue, **c)** while the practice of communion from the Common Cup is still permitted, each person is asked to consider not drinking from the cup if they are not feeling well. Above all, those who are sick should stay at home until they are feeling better. **Thank You.**

40th Anniversary Mass & Dinner

Videos of Father Jim's anniversary mass and dinner will be available for sale after the 9, 11 and 5:00 masses on October 4 for \$20.00.



Sunday Plate

\$8,389.10

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for Respect Life.



Thank You

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I really do not know what words to use to thank all the people of the parish for the great celebration of the anniversary of my ordination. I thought that the ordination celebration was something to remember but I now look back and see that we did not even know the meaning of celebration. I used to think a celebration was a party, but now I know it is a week of parties. I used to think that you rented a hall and had a meal, now I know you go to a country club, put up decorations you have been preparing for months and fill the club to the limit that the fire department allows. I used to think you would serve a pot-luck meal, but now I know that you have hors d'oeuvres and drinks on the terrace and then sit down to a meal served by the most efficient staff I have ever encountered. I used to think you had to listen to a few dull attempts to canonize someone and now I know you have a professional stand up comedian and selected choice words from many interesting people. I am sorry to say that no one is ever going to be able to throw a party for me again; thank you for completely jading me!!

I was sorry to learn that the ceremony at the church had been recorded. I have little doubt that if it ever reaches Rome we are going to lose our vestments and liturgical ministers; the Pope will no longer settle for what they are doing in the Vatican after he sees the DVD.

I never cease to be amazed by the ability of people here to create an elaborate ceremony that is not boring. I have spent my life using brevity to avoid boring but you prove there are other ways to do it.

Finally I would like to thank the parish for the gift of the chalice. The importance of the specific chalice that was chosen was clearly explained in the worship aid. But the explanation can not convey the beauty of the work of art. Each day as I use it I am finding other things in the design, it is a true work of art. All the priests who were present for the celebration have asked to see the chalice up close. It does however, have one unfortunate feature. The Eucharistic ministers have informed me that it is extremely heavy and difficult for people to drink from, so we will still use the glasses for the congregation. The cup is very wide in relation to the depth, which means that it is very easy to pour the contents over the lip on either side of your mouth.

Again it is not possible for me to adequately thank the parish nor to properly recognize all the people involved but please be assured I am one priest who knows he is appreciated and is at home in this parish community.

Father Jim



Please pray for... Philip Zarate, Brian Flannery, Jeff Huff, Nathan Cuellar, Tim Bianchini, Brian Foote, Anthony Gygi, George Brodish, Jeff Nordin, Anthony DeChristopher and all the other brave men

and women serving our country overseas.

If you have a loved one serving in a foreign country, give us a call so we can put them on our special prayer list.

Mass On The Grass

This weekend, the 11:00 am mass is at Spreckels Memorial Park. A fabulous picnic lunch will be served after mass. And there will be a silent auction. Come by and check out the fun!



Help Wanted

We are looking for a receptionist for the parish office. The hours are yet to be determined but a desirable candidate will have great people skills, computer experience and be well organized. Call Donna at 455-2249, for more information.

Graduates of Notre Dame High School in Salinas are Invited...

The Notre Dame High School Alumnae Association is hosting the first All-Class Reunion, **Girls Nite Out** party on October 17, 2009 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on the Notre Dame campus. Admission is your graduating year, (ex. 1992 = \$19.92) or \$25.00 at the door. You can register at <http://ndgirlsniteout.myevent.com/>. If you have questions please contact Christine Villegas Campos '95 at cmcampos77@sbcglobal.net or call the ND Alumnae office at 831-751-1850 x 247.

That is the Bishops' Position Regarding Health Care Reform?

1. Supports universal health coverage which protects the life and dignity of all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. Because Catholic teaching insists that basic health care is a right and is essential to protect human life and dignity, genuine health care reform which protects human life and advances universal coverage is a moral imperative and urgent national priority. For us, universal coverage should be truly universal, assuring decent health care for all from conception to natural death.
2. Opposes any efforts to expand abortion funding, mandate abortion coverage, or endanger the conscience rights of health care providers and religious institutions. Longstanding and widely supported current policies on these issues must be preserved. We urge members of the House and Senate to take all steps necessary to oppose abortion funding, mandated abortion coverage or weakening of conscience rights.
3. Supports effective measures to safeguard the health of immigrants, their children and all of society by expanding eligibility for public programs, such as Medicaid, to all low-income families and vulnerable people and by offering adequate subsidies for cost-sharing of insurance premiums and out of pocket expenses. Because of the critical nature of this issue, the Bishops have established a special Web site: www.usccb.org/healthcare. Please check this website regularly for updates on resources and communications that outline the Bishops' principles and priorities, as well as fundamental problems in current bills.