

## The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2008



Our human nature finds it very difficult to accept God's way of doing things as "just." Many of Jesus' parables tell us that God does not judge things the way we would. God knows our hearts and understands our struggles in a way we don't even know ourselves much less anyone else. There is nothing to be gained by trying to measure our "goodness" nor in comparing it to others. Our focus should be on how well we are trying to follow Jesus and leave the rest in the hands of our merciful God.

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.*  
- Psalm 25:4

### MASSES for the WEEK

Sat, 9/27	5:00	†Joseph Musso
Sun 9/28	9:00	†Carol Thornberry
	11:00	Angelo & Angela Gorgulho
	5:00	†Anna & †Anthony Grubensky
Mon, 9/29	9:00	†Dick & †Florence Murphy
Tue, 9/30	9:00	†Josephine Miller
Wed, 10/1	9:00	Kirsten Sandstrom
Thur, 10/2	9:00	
Fri, 10/3	9:00	
Sat, 10/4	9:00	Martha Ann Brinton
	5:00	†Frances Gall
Sun, 10/5	9:00	†Catherine Gallegos
	11:00	†Jose Roel
	5:00	†Frank Ferrasci

### Remember In Your Prayers

*Mike Albin, Jack Aiello, Karen Andresen, Suzette, Laverne Austin, Kip Bothwell, Leonard Breschini, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Al DeCarli, Bill & Mary Dekyne, Les Dinn, Cliff Escobar, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Dick Hitchcock, Sr. Marie, Maggie Horowitz, Linda Giordano, Gordon Inns, Lorraine Jacob, Debbie Juran, Mary Lou Kelner, Joe Leavitt, Margo Lopez, Martin & Helen Maher, Ray Martin, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Gino Roberti, Paddy Roche, Elia Roel, Patricia Roel, Kirsten Sandstrom, Tamara Shipley, Linda Silvestri, Carson & Pam Souza, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Elijah Taurke, Jim Thornberry, Loraine Thorup, Gene Tissot, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Bob Whitaker, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt, and Mary Ann Yax.*

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 OFFERING



Sunday Plate

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### Meetings This Week

Parish Picnic	Sun,	11:00, park
RCIA	Tues,	7:00, hall
Scripture Study	Weds,	9:30, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds,	7:00, church
Altar Servers	Thurs,	7:00, church

### Parish Finance Council Meeting

If you are interested in serving on the parish finance council, please attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 7, at 6:30 PM in the parish office.

### Religious Education News

Religious education classes begin on October 5. If you have any questions you can call 455-8720, or for the preschool/kinder program call 422-4442. We are looking forward to a great school year!

### Altar Servers

There is a meeting for altar servers on Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 PM in the church. Beginning and experienced servers should attend. Don't forget to bring your manual, and bring a friend if you like. Call the parish office if you have any questions, 455-2249, or email [agoroch@stjchurch.org](mailto:agoroch@stjchurch.org).

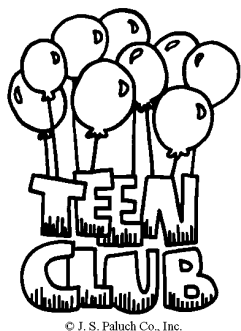
### Communion

If you or a loved one are ill, homebound, or hospitalized and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office and we will arrange it for you.

**If you have a family member serving in a foreign country, please contact the parish office at 455-2249 so we may include them on a special prayer list.**

## MASS ON THE GRASS...

...is this weekend! Meet us in Spreckels Memorial park Sunday for 11:00 AM Mass on the Grass.



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### Attention High Schoolers...

Remember High School Youth Group meets one Thursday a month in the parish hall. Come play with me, come play with others, come with your friends, come to meet new friends, come grow in your faith, come for the love of God. Call me, Christina Brigantino, at 455-8414 or send an email to [cbrigmail@aol.com](mailto:cbrigmail@aol.com) if you have any questions.

### Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation, as opposed to RCIA, is for Catholic adults or adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition, but have not been confirmed. If you are an adult baptized Christian interested in being confirmed in the Catholic Church, then come to preparation sessions on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Call Nic Bianchi at 675-2722 or the parish office for more information.

### Talk on Church History

As part of the RCIA and adult confirmation program, Father Jim will be giving a talk on the History of the Church, Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. **All are welcome.**

### Married Couples

Does "Back to School" bring back memories of rediscovering old friends, a fresh start, a chance to grow in knowledge and understanding? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can do the same for your marriage. Our next weekend is November 21-23. To receive more information call Vic & Joan Penacho at 831-638-9498 or visit us online at [www.wwme-centralca.org](http://www.wwme-centralca.org).

### Alliance on Aging

#### Wanted: Ombudsman Volunteers

The **Ombudsman** for long-term care provide advocacy for the seniors living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Monterey County. They act on behalf of these frail vulnerable residents, many of whom have no family or friend to represent them. The Alliance on Aging is in need of Certified Ombudsman Volunteers to make regular visits to assigned facilities and respond to complaints and concerns of the residents and their families. A 36 hour training course leading to becoming a State Certified Ombudsman starts in October. For more information call 758-4011 in Salinas or 655-1334 in Monterey.

## Teaching Mass

Something to look forward to: at all the weekend liturgies October 4-5, 2008 Fr. Jim will be having a "Teaching Mass." The liturgies will go on in almost their usual way. The difference will be that during the liturgy, Fr. Jim, will explain the history and purpose of the ministers, vessels or ritual action at that point of the service. The over-all result should be a better understanding of how and why we celebrate the Eucharist the way we do. Don't miss it! Spread the word!

### Spotlight on Special Ministers of Holy Communion

Special Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers): Assist with distributing the Body and Blood of Christ at Eucharistic Celebrations and at communion services. They assist in preparing the communion vessels and Eucharistic elements before the liturgy. Ministers of Holy Communion may also bring communion to the sick, homebound and hospitalized.

If you've been thinking of being a Eucharistic Minister, but haven't quite made up your mind, then come to the meeting on October 7 @ 7 PM in the church to learn more. If you are a veteran Eucharistic Minister, you might want to come to brush up on technique and to give encouragement to new ministers. Contact Antonette at the Parish Office: 455-2249.



### Slime Time

**DEWD** is excited to hear that kids between the ages of Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to **SLIME TIME**, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Hall between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00 pm. Wear your Halloween costume and bring some non-perishable food items. You'll have a **Good** time at the **SLIME TIME carnival** where you will be a winner at every booth. Electra, Sparki, Max and FIZZ are looking forward to seeing you again!!! Professor Gizmo needs to know how many kids will be there so get Mom or Dad to register you **BEFORE 10/10/08**. **You can download a registration form from [stjchurch.org](http://stjchurch.org)**; look under the What's New"...or come by the Religious Ed Office and pick up a registration form. **Come learn how much God Loves YOU!!!!**

Call 455-8720 to have your ???? answered.



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