



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2007

Imagine that this was to be your last day on earth. What would you want to do with this day? Are there things that you regret not having done or said? Are there people you need to forgive or to ask forgiveness from? Have you let those you care about know how important they are to you? The daily concerns of life can easily cloud our perception of what is truly important. Take time to reflect on your "last day" and perhaps change some priorities.

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.
— Luke 12:48

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat, 8/11	5:00	†August Caresani, Sr.
Sun, 8/12	9:00	†Wayne Fellom
	11:00	†O'Brien Swanston
	5:00	Ray & Antoinette Simmons
Mon, 8/13	9:00	
Tue, 8/14	9:00	Our Parish Family
Wed, 8/15	9:00	†Anita Vaughn-Taylor
Thu, 8/16	9:00	
Fri, 8/17	9:00	†Charlie Borg
Sat, 8/18	9:00	Christopher Gomez
	5:00	Carol Thornberry
Sun, 8/19	9:00	†Val Roberti
	11:00	†Joe and †Nancy Gibbons
	5:00	Irene Breschini

Remember In Your Prayers

Karen Andresen, Diane Andrews, Laverne Austin, Dalhi Besmehn., Leah Borg, Christopher Braga, Leonard Breschini, John Cain, Alma Carlsen, Mary Carnazzo, Janice De Carli, Margaret Eadi, Joyce Eastman, Cliff Escobar, Bernadine Fitzsimmons, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Randy Gibbons, Christopher Gomez, Budd Hitchcock, Joe Leavitt, Mary Lou Kelner, Sr. Marie, Sam Lavorato, Bill Lee, The Maker Family, GERALYN MOORE, Dominic Narigi, Ryan Perry, Rendell Requiro, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Patricia Roel, Bill & Emma Smith, Carson & Pam Souza, Marlene Stadille, Suzanne Stewart, Linda Silvestri, Carrie Thompson, Carol, Jim Thornberry, Rachelle Uganiza, Joe Von Soosten, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt, Javier Zavala, Jessica Zobel.

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.

For Your Information

Plate Collection \$8,539.81

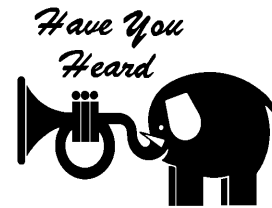
Parish Library

Open every Sunday during hospitality after the 9:00 am liturgy, and at 4:30 on Sundays. We have Fr. Jim's homilies on tape in case you missed one. Also, if you do have a tape or a book checked out, please remember to return it when due. Thank You.

Ministry Directory – St. Joseph's Parish Ministry Directories are available in the vestibule. Be sure to pick up this handy reference if you don't already have one.

Meetings This Week

I-HELP	Mon, 5:00, hall
Scripture Study	Wed, 7:00, hall
Choir	Wed, 7:00, church
Youth Group	Thur, 6:30, hall



St. Joseph's

Podcasts?

Podcasts are available of the weekly readings and Father Jim's homilies for most of the weeks of the 2007 Liturgical year. We're striving to have the weekly recordings available no later than Sunday evenings. We're happy to see that many have already downloaded them!

The easy way to get them is go to the iTunes Store, search for **Spreckels**, and the podcast will pop right up and you can subscribe to it.

The URL for the Podcasts is:
<http://www.switchpod.com/users/st.josephsspreckels/feed.xml>

Give them a try, and we've also setup an email address for Podcast specific questions and comments at stjos_spreckels@yahoo.com. Let us know what you think, and pass around the news to those you know who may have left the parish, moved far away, or might need a little 'spiritual refreshment' during the week.



Welcome to Father Schwarz and Father Castro. Thank you for celebrating mass with us this weekend.

Sacred Heart School...

would like to thank St. Joseph's Parish. After the principal of Sacred Heart School, Victoria Torcolini, made her appeal in July they collected and had pledged more than \$55,000. That's right, \$55,000! Victoria called it a "miracle" for the School. **Thank you** to all who helped make this miracle happen.

Religious ED Teachers Alert

Echoes of Faith training for teachers in August will be on the 14 and 18. Each session will begin at 9:30 AM in the Religious Education building. For more information call Sister Liliana at 455-8720.

Prophetic People Speak Truth Faith Formation Conference: Empowering Those in Ministry

Date: September 21-22, 2007

Place: Santa Clara Convention Center

The Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Dioceses of Monterey, Oakland, San Jose, and Stockton have come together to offer those in ministry a premier conference featuring local and national speakers, such as Steve Johnson from the Markkula Center for applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, Rev. Jose Antonio Rubio, Zeni Fox, Bill Huebsch, Ida Miranda, Tony Alonso and many more!

Are you teaching religious education? Are you a Eucharistic minister, lector, or lay presider? Are you interested in the direction the church is going?

This conference is for you!

For conference registration or more information go to <http://www.sitecreator.com/faithformation/index.html> Or call 831-373-1335.

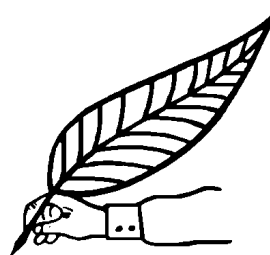
So you'd like to be an altar server . . .

GREAT! Come to the training meeting in the church on **Tuesday, August 21 at 1:30 PM**. Spread the word around; bring your friends. Need more information? Call the parish office (455-2249) or contact Antonette Goroch, agoroch45@sbcglobal.net.



August 15

**Vigil Mass, Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Mass, Wednesday, 9:00 AM**



Pastor's Notes

The first week of August I was invited to give a retreat to the Sisters of Notre Dame DeNamur in Belmont. These are the sisters who founded Notre Dame High School in Salinas. Quite by accident I was at the table with a retired nun who was a granddaughter of one of the founders of this parish. Since my arrival here I have been slowly piecing together the story of the history of this parish and she provided the only information I was still missing.

Around the year 1890 about nine German families lived in a German settlement in the city of Chicago, Illinois. The people were all friends and all were trades people. Some owned shops, one was a pipe fitter, and another a baker. They all knew one another through their Catholic Parish, Saint Alphonsus. So far only three of the family names are known and they are Heinz, Heinsens, and Heers.

News reached Chicago that there was wonderful land available for farming in the area of Pajaro and after much discussion the families decided to move together to Pajaro in California and get into farming. They did move and settled in Pajaro. They decided to call their community the Saint Joseph's Colony and they built themselves a small church dedicated to Saint Joseph.

In a few years all but the Heinsens decided to return to Chicago and resume their careers. This was about 1897. The stated reason was that the land that they had been promised was much too rocky to farm and they had to abandon their plans. Personally I can not help but wonder if the real reason was they were not farmers and farming as a business is not for amateurs. With their departure they decided to give the small church to Sacred Heart Parish in Salinas.

When the town of Spreckels was founded by Claus Spreckels, the people who came to work the fields were Catholics. Land was donated to the Catholic Church right across from the park on the corner on Llano and Second Streets. The pastor of Sacred Heart in Salinas was given the responsibility for the new community. He moved the old church building from the Pajaro site to Spreckels, retained the name of Saint Joseph and began sending one of the priests from Sacred Heart to celebrate Mass in the church.

In 1969, the year of my ordination, Msgr. Earley sent one of his associates, Dan Cronin to administer the church and the Bishop made the community a parish giving the people Dan Cronin as the first pastor.

- Father Jim