



The Ascension May 20, 2007

Many hoped that Jesus, as the Messiah, would change the world. The good would flourish and the evildoers would be punished. Everything would be perfect. But that is not what happened. Jesus did not even tell his followers to “change” the world. He simply told them to spread the good news of God’s unending love. We cannot change others – only ourselves. How we live our lives can inspire others. Do you inspire others to be more loving people?

**May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
grant you a spirit of wisdom and insight to know Him clearly.**

— Ephesians 1:17

Masses for the Week

Sat, 5/19	5:00	Anthony Musso
Sun, 5/20	9:00	Nancy Gibbons
	11:00	Grace Lopez
	5:00	Bernard Eggerman
Mon, 5/21	9:00	Wayne Fellom
Tue, 5/22	9:00	Grace Lopez
Wed, 5/23	9:00	Joe Mifsud
Thu, 5/24	9:00	
Fri, 5/25	9:00	George & Nina Sammut
Sat, 5/26	9:00	Parish Family
	5:00	Charlie Borg
Sun, 5/27	9:00	Menna Cerrone
	11:00	Gail Rogers
	5:00	Val Roberti

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 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
RCIA	Tue, 7:00, hall
Scripture Study	Wed, 9:30 & 7:00
Choir	Wed, 7:00, church
Bridge	Thu, 10:00, rug room

Remember In Your Prayers

Karen Andresen, Diane Andrews, Laverne Austin, Dalhi Besmehn, Leah Borg, Leonard Breschini, Mary Carnazzo, Janice De Carli, Linda Dungan & family, Margaret Eadi, Joyce Eastman, Cliff Escobar, Elfrida Ewing, Carl, Bernadine Fitzsimmons, Joey Gardner, Peter Garin, Randy Gibbons, Christopher Gomez, Rick, Lonnie Huff, Art Hunsdorfer, Rita, Mary Lou Kelner, Eleanor Kurtz, Sr. Marie, Joe Leavitt, Bill Lee, Dennis Linders, Luis Lopez, Dolores Lovgren, Dan Marpel, Geralyn Moore, Nick, Ryan Perry, Jean Plinck, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Patricia Roel, Bill & Emma Smith, Carson & Pam Souza, Marlene Stadille, Suzanne Stewart, Linda Silvestri, Brenda Smart, Carrie Thompson, Carol, Jim Thornberry, 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

\$6,861.61

Jim’s Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about a couple of people who have died in the past few weeks – Val Roberti and Grace Lopez. Both of these people have served this parish very faithfully for long periods of time. While I was privileged to celebrate the funeral for Val, I was out of town when Grace died and was buried.

It is a strange change in the world in which we live that we live so long. One of the results of this is that at the time of death we have usually been away from our home parish for some time either in our home or in some kind of care. It is easy for people to pass almost unnoticed because they have departed from the community for many years before they die. It seems that today at the time of our death most of our friends are in such poor health they can not attend our funeral and unless there is a huge family or important business left behind there are not many people to be involved.

Grace and Val shared a lot in common and for me personally neither of them will ever be forgotten. Val was certainly the more visible, at daily Mass, and very attentive to anything that the church building needed or could use. In his particular field, Val kept our building on the cutting edge

with any new innovation that would come along. He would constantly amaze me with what could be done and his willingness to do anything to help. He anticipated the needs of the parish in his field and would assist in anything else that was suggested. Grace was the same in her dedication to the parish. She also was at daily Mass and every week she would show up to help in the counting of the collections and the registration of the donations for the tax reports. She also was always ready to help in any way she could, but what I most remember about her was how much fun she was. She was always laughing about something while working in the office and her confidentiality about the work she was doing was sacred to her.

I must confess that one of the most humbling things about becoming a priest is working with people like this. People whose dedication to the Church is the center of their lives. I try to the best of my ability to serve this parish and the people here, but that is what I am paid to do. It is a quiet question I often ask myself, "If I were not serving as a priest, would I be as dedicated to the Church as such people?" I thank God for such people and rejoice in the fact that I serve a Lord who cannot be outdone in generosity. I can only guess at what He has for Grace and Val. I hope one day they invite me over to their mansions.

Hospital Ministry

We are in need of more hospital volunteers. This requires some training and a security check. If you think this might be a ministry you would be interested in call Margo Lopez, 758-9002, evenings or leave a message.

Religious Education News

The registration forms for 2007-08, 1st grade through Confirmation, are now available. If your child fails to pick up a new registration form in class, please pick one up at the parish office during office hours.

Registration is also due for pre-school and kindergarten children (ages 3 – 5). This class meets during the 9:00 am liturgy. If you have not received a form, they are available in the parish office. For more information call Susan Sterrett, 455-9513.

A copy of your child's Baptismal certificate must accompany all new registrations. Please note that high school students (parishioners only) also need to register at this time.

Registration deadline is June 30. No exceptions will be made except for new parishioners. For more information call the parish office, 455.2249.

Second Collection This Weekend Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey invites your participation in our Annual Appeal, May 19 & 20. Providing help and creating hope for 25,000 families a year starts with your commitment. Social Justice is not a description of a "state of affairs" it is the action of righting wrongs. It is the sum of each act of Christian Compassion. When Catholic Charities intervenes to help a family threatened by eviction or by utility disconnection, we are echoing your voice: "we won't let you suffer!"

Your one-time gift of \$200 will keep the power turned on for one family who cannot pay or \$50 a month will allow a young mother to get the counseling she needs when a child is called to heaven too early. Please show your "Compassion through Commitment" by pledging support to Catholic Charities. For information on giving gifts of stocks or property please contact Paul Roberts-393-3110 or proberts@dioceseofmonterey.org.

Northern California Charismatic Catholic Convention

Join in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the USA at the Santa Clara Convention Center, Great America Parkway – weekend of May 25, 26, & 27. Convention highlights include seven outstanding speakers, general sessions and workshops, Eucharistic worship service, healing mass, and prayer ministry; also, complete youth and children's ministries (if pre-registered).

For complete schedule and registration brochure call 707-643-2238 or register at the door. Information is also available at www.ncrcspirit.com.

Annual Bishop's Appeal Update

Pledges and gifts are still trickling in, but we would like to hear from a lot more of you (we are still under 200).

If you did not receive the information sheet or pledge form for ABA, you may still pick one up in the vestibule of the church.

Preparing Young Women for Life...

Notre Dame is an all girls' college preparatory Catholic high school located in the safe community of Salinas. As a leader in the education of girls, Notre Dame has an in-depth understanding of how girls learn and succeed. The mission of Notre Dame is to promote excellence in spiritual and educational development in order to prepare students to live

the vision of life found in the Gospels and to be responsible and successful members of society.

Limited spaces are available for the 2007-2008 school year for both the incoming Class of 2011 and transfer students at the junior and sophomore grade levels. If you are interested in obtaining an application or have questions please call the Admissions Office at (831) 751-1850 ext. 247 or log onto the school website at www.notredamesalinas.org. We invite you to visit the campus and experience student life.

Old Mission San Juan Bautista Fiesta

This year we are celebrating a spiritual history of 210 years. Old Mission San Juan Bautista will hold its annual Fiesta on Sunday, June 24, in the Olive Grove from 11:00 to 5:00. Admission is free. Come join us in historic San Juan Bautista for a day filled with continuous entertainment, games for everyone, and a fantastic chicken BBQ cooked by the San Juan Service Club. Expect to have a wonderful, fun-filled day and support the restoration of the Mission. See you there!!
