

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †
 Week of **May 31, 2010 — June 6, 2010**

Monday May 31, 2010
 8:30 A.M. Diosdado Camarillo Jr. †
 Misa Sati'u †

Tuesday June 1, 2010
 8:30 A.M. Alex Anagnos †
 Madeline Pendergast †

Wednesday June 2, 2010
 8:30 A.M. Charles, Lydia & Michael Tamagri †
 Misa Sati'u †

Thursday June 3, 2010
 8:30 A.M. Misa Sati'u †
 Joseph Ferreira, Jr. †

Friday June 4, 2010
 8:30 A.M. Francisco Eiras †
 Irene & John Tenente †

Saturday June 5, 2010
 8:30 A.M. Sharon Barta †
 Jose & Olivia Aguiar (S.I.)
 4:30 P.M. Arnold & Madeline Norte (S.I.)
 Margarete Anselmo †
 6:30 P.M. Community of St. John

Sunday June 6, 2010
 7:30 A.M. Mary Louise Bettencourt †
 Ray Lucas †
 9:30 A.M. Gabriel Olivera †
 Barney Walsh †
 11:30 A.M. Sr. Dympna Mulvihill (S.I.)
 John Francis Nyser †
 2:00 P.M. Community of St. John

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
 Monday: Ninth Week in Ordinary Time;
 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
 Memorial Day
 Tuesday: St. Justin
 Wednesday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
 Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and His Companions
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Boniface; First Saturday



EVERY FRIDAY from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. is Divine Mercy with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY of each month all are welcome to come visit the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Holy Hour is 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. (Spanish)

May 22nd – May 23rd, 2010

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

Sunday Collection.....\$ 8,242.59
Maintenance Fund.....\$ 118.20
Catholic Charities.....\$ 139.00
Catholic Voice.....\$ 20.00
Bishop's Appeal.....\$ 2,718.78
Bishop's Appeal Goal\$ 23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal . \$ 12,089.35

Thank you for your generosity
Gracias por su generosidad.

Your donations make our ministries possible

REMEMBER THE SICK

A. J. Tammen, Sue Duncan, Barbara Bouchard, Bill Michaels, Jim Daniels, Sumiko E. Behan, Mary Ruybal,, Lorraine Aven, John Olsen, Clarice Ryan, Alena Rosenecea, Maureen Marks, Maria & Ana Vieira, Lupe Macias, Peter Cruz, Rose Mitchell, Denise Schade, Rose Deluho, Darné Madson, Cheryle Rutherford, Arnold Perry, Zita Goncales, Prestoza Bernarda, Millie Falasca, Marie Gross, Kim Dunlop, Bill Ingel, Edie Fagundes, Rita Stich, Ann Almeida, Georgina Ozuma, Dan Arritola, Luci Subica, Kathy (Gerecke) Knutson, Rosario Orantes, Jim Skoonberg, Heather Nellis, Mary Moberg, Winifred Tuck, Gerry Laughery, Barbara Roe

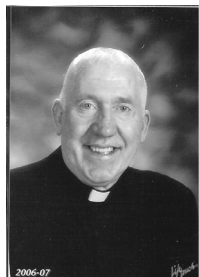
All names on the prayer list will be removed at the end of each month. If you want a name to remain on the list, please notify the office.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Louis Shaieb , Desiderio Bayona, and Colin Ezoeh Behan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday/Lunes: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
 Tuesday/Martes: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday/Miércoles: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday/Jueves: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28b-34
 Friday/Viernes: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday/Sábado: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
 Sunday/Domingo: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Lk 9:11b-17



From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

My favorite religion teacher in school would often use everyday items to explain a term particularly difficult for us to grasp. When it came to describing the reality of the Holy Trinity, we were all surprised to see her hold up a banana at the front of the room. She peeled back the skin of the banana and sliced a half-inch thick piece from the center of the banana. She began to slowly roll the slice back and forth between her fingers and our eyes nearly popped out of our heads when the one slice seemed to separate magically into three equal sections. She said, "Each section is still a banana, yet each is distinctly taken from the whole banana." There was something about this that made sense to each of us, as we struggled to figure out exactly how the Trinity "worked"—three persons in one God. I remember quite clearly running home that day and trying the exercise on a banana on our kitchen counter. I sliced that banana into about ten pieces and each time I rolled a slice back and forth in my fingers, behold, three distinct equal sections fell into my hand.

This image has remained with me and re-enters my consciousness each time the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Each year we stand before this mystery. Some of us try to wrap our brains around it. Others simply let the liturgical celebration pass us by. Perhaps this feast is calling us to do something that we normally don't do in this world of ours, which is so full of the practical. This day could simply be calling us to stand in awe at the presence and power of God. Today is the day to be reminded that ours is an awesome God, who, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, created us, redeemed us, and continues to break into our lives in surprising and mysterious ways.

In honor of this Memorial weekend I share this poem with you:

UNLEARNED LESSON

Memorial Day of every year
The little valiant flags appear on every fallen soldier's grave - -
Each died to save.
And we who see and still have breath - -
Are we no wiser for their death?

(Dorothy Brown Thomson)

We shall never forget all those who gave their lives to make peace possible.

Blessings of Peace,
Fr. Mike



FLEA MARKET

Our Lady of Guadalupe Group, will have their annual Flea Market on June 26th. All parish organizations or individuals are invited to participate. Starting next weekend we will be selling the "spaces" after all the Masses.

For more information you can call:
Edith Lewis at 510/415-4293.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt and huge thank you to all the Sagalas and their families, sponsors, volunteers, choir, and parishioners who participated in the *Flores de Mayo* celebration on Sunday, May 16th at 11:30 a.m. Mass presided by Fr. Jose Arong, OMI, with Fr. Mike's blessings at the reception. This could have never been done without the many helping hands from individuals who shared their time, talent, and treasures to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.



ST. GERARD WOMEN'S CLUB

WHO are the Women of St. Gerard Women's Club? We are the women of the parish. Some of us are younger, some of us are older, some are single, others are married, widowed, separated or divorced. Some are short, some tall, some are shy,

others are not.

WHEN we meet, we would love to have you join with us, share an evening with us, then, if hopefully we meet your needs, as we are sure you will meet ours, we would love to have you join.

WHY are we the women of St. Gerard Women's Club? A parish community does not function well unless it has people who support it and its needs. We assist the parish in a financial way. Our beautiful stained glass windows above the altar are one of our accomplishments; altar supplies have also been our donations. Before that, the kitchen in our Community Center had our donations. More is needed for our church and that is where our yearly donations will come alive.

Our next meeting is **TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Meeting Room.** Our Guest Speaker is going to be our own **Fr. Hugo.** I guarantee a good time when you join St. Gerard Women's Club.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ernestine Moir, President at 510/537-7232.

MARYKNOLL MOVIE NITE PRESENTS

GIRL IN A CAFE

Monday June 7th at 6:30 in the meeting room.
Rated TV 14. Runtime 95 Minutes.

He's a shy civil servant (Bill Nightly, Love Actually) working for the British delegation to the 2005 G8 Summit. She's an alluring young woman (Kelly McDonald, Finding Neverland) he meets in a cafe – and invites her to the Summit on a whim. Together, this unlikely couple might just change history.

OAKLAND SEMINARIAN USED CAR REQUEST

Happily, the number of seminarians for the Diocese of Oakland has grown significantly in recent times. We now have 25 seminarians and 6 new applicants to join us this Fall. The Diocese of Oakland Vocations Office is seeking the donation of a used automobile for seminarian use. The automobile should be in good working condition and fairly economical to operate. A receipt for the value of the vehicle will be provided as a tax deduction. Please contact the Vocations Office at 510/267-8356 or email us at rkrausnick@oakdiocese.org. If you have a qualifying used vehicle, please contact us about donating it for this worthy cause.

Thank you

ASHLAND HOLY GHOST ASSOCIATION

Annual Portuguese Celebration

The Portuguese community of Ashland Holy Ghost Association will celebrate its 113th fiesta, May 29th and 30th.

Immigrants from the Azores Islands brought this religious celebration to California in the late 1800's. The Rosary will be recited May 29th, at 7:00 P.M., the Holy Ghost Chapel located at Kent and Elgin in San Lorenzo. There will be a parade to and from St. John's Church for the 11:30 A.M. Mass, which will be bilingual in English & Portuguese. All are welcome.



HOSPITALITY

Everybody is welcome to coffee and donuts hosted by St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday, June 6th, after the 7:30 and 9:30 A.M. morning Masses.

Thanks to the Legion of Mary for hosting last month's hospitality.

SCHOOL NEWS

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING SOON!

Do you know some golfers? Please share with them our amazing tournament which is right around the corner on the first Saturday in June! This fun event will help us pay for our new water fountains and our future 1:1 laptop program! Stop by the office to pick up some flyers and registrations forms today or call Miss Valarie with any questions or to volunteer!

GOLF TOURNAMENT – HELP WANTED!

We need your help to make our Golf Tournament a success! We are looking for PLAYERS to participate in our tournament and business partners to sponsor holes. Please call Valarie in the office at 510-276-6632 if you can help in any way.

THANK YOU, MR. CASTRO!

We are so blessed to have **Mr. Castro** here. He goes beyond his required hours to keep our children safe in the morning. He is so reliable, showing up in the morning to set up cones, put on his vest, help the kids get out of the cars safely, and make sure everyone has a good start to the day. Please be sure to say good morning and thank you to Mr. Castro next time you see him for the love he gives to our school family with a smile and a hello. He keeps our kids safe!

CONGRATULATIONS, JANELLE!

St. John Catholic School is proud to have one of our students win the prestigious **Sr. Rose Marie Hennessy Art Scholarship!** **Janelle de Dios**, who will be attending St. Joseph Norte Dame High School in the fall, will be presented with this award and scholarship at graduation.



Memorial Day
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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, May 31st, in observance of Memorial Day.

The Most Holy Trinity
May 30, 2010

[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

— *Romans 5:5b*



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St. John's Religious Education Philosophy and Goals

Together we seek to help all of Saint John Parish to grow in faith, and understanding of Catholic Tradition and to experience unity in Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our goal is to empower all to live as disciples of Jesus Christ with responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Faith community.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

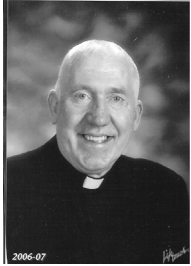
The Catholic Church celebrates the RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, as an essential mission to draw all to God the Father, through Jesus the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Saint John the Baptist Parish in San Lorenzo shares in this essential mission as we lead new members through a series of stages, and at their own pace, into full participation in the Catholic Church. These stages shape the journey of conversion for all who seek initiation as well as for the entire parish. Every member of the parish has the opportunity to enter into the journey of conversion with those who are in the RCIA process as we all develop, deepen and enrich our relationship with God. The entire church community helps to form the candidates for initiation by acting as mentors. By consciously being examples of the life of a disciple of Christ, and by being apostles who are sent every Sunday to bring Jesus to every person and event we encounter during the week.

We will soon begin a new year of preparation for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. Please pray for and encourage our inquirers as they enter more fully into the journey toward full conscious and active participation in the Christian life.

INTERESTED IN OR CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you know anyone who is interested in or curious about the Catholic Faith, please invite them to come to the Inquiry Class beginning Sunday, June 13, at 4 PM in the Religious Education Office. Any questions, please call Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050.

THANK YOU - On behalf of all the families in the Saint John Parish Religious Education programs, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who shared their faith with our children and youth. Without the generous spirit of these volunteers there would be no Religious Education. Please pray for our volunteers and consider volunteering yourself.



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Queridos Amigos,

Cuando estaba en la escuela, mi profesora favorita de religión siempre se pasaba usando cosas muy corrientes para explicar ideas que, de lo contrario, se nos hubieran hecho difíciles de comprender. Cuando llegó la hora de explicar la Santísima Trinidad, nos sorprendimos de verla llegar a clase con un banano en la mano. Lo peló y enseguida cortó un pedazo del centro de la fruta, como de una pulgada de grueso. Luego comenzó a rodar el pedazo entre sus dedos y nuestros ojos casi saltaron al ver que esa rebanada de pronto y como por arte de magia se dividía en tres secciones iguales. Entonces nos dijo la maestra: “Cada sección es banano; no obstante, cada pedazo es una sección distinta del mismo banano”. Algo había en esta demostración que tenía sentido para nosotros cuando luchábamos por comprender cómo “funcionaba” la Trinidad –tres personas en un solo Dios. Me acuerdo como si fuera ahora cómo corrí a casa al acabar las clases, para hacer el experimento en mi propia cocina. Corté un banano como en diez rebanadas, y cada vez que hacía rodar entre mis dedos una de las rebanadas, tres pedazos distintos e iguales caían en mis manos.

Esta imagen siempre se ha quedado en mi mente, y se revive cada vez que la Iglesia celebra la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. Cada año nos encontramos con este misterio. Algunos tratamos de captarlo con nuestra mente, mientras que a otros la celebración litúrgica sencillamente les pasa desapercibida. Tal vez esta fiesta nos llame a hacer es algo que raras veces hacemos en esta cultura moderna, tan arraigada a lo práctico. Tal vez lo que este día nos llama a hacer es maravillarnos y admirarnos ante la presencia y el poder de Dios. Éste es un buen día para recordar que nuestro Dios es un Dios maravilloso y admirable quien, como Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, nos creó, nos redimió, y continúa entrando en nuestras vidas de modos sorprendentes y misteriosos.

En honor de este fin de semana del Día Memorial voy a compartir este poema con ustedes:

UNA LECCIÓN SIN APRENDER

En el Día Memorial de cada año

Pequeñas valientes banderas aparecen en cada una de las tumbas de los soldados caídos - -

Cada uno murio para salvar.

Y nosotros que vemos y tenemos aliento todavía - -

No somos nosotros más sabios por sus muertes?

(Dorothy Brown Thomson)

Nunca debemos olvidar a todos aquellos que dieron sus vidas para hacer posible la paz..

Bendiciones de Paz,

Fr. Mike

ESTE PROXIMO OTOÑO DARA COMIENZO EL CATECIMO DE ADULTOS.

Usted desea recibir sus sacramentos de Iniciación: Bautismo, Primera Comunión o Confirmación? Estaremos formando el grupo de adultos en el otoño para recibir los sacramentos. Este grupo sera formado por personas mayores de 18 años para más información comuníquese con MaLuisa o con el Diácono Arturo en la rectoria

GRACIAS A TODAS LAS PERSONAS...

Que hicieron, posible que nuestros niños de Catecismo pudieran recibir su Primera Comunión este Mayo 29.

Los Catequistas que prepararon para la Primera Comunión:

Sras: Martha Angulo, Alma Carrillo, Alicia Avelica, Alicia Prado, María Ruiz, Yuselin Martinez, Ma.Consuelo Niño, María Gallegos, Carmen Lopez, Tomasa Macias, Leo Bautista and María Guzman.

Los Catequistas del Primer Año:

Sras: Irene Villalpando, Ma. Engracia, Trinidad Garcia, Patricia Beltran, Dinorah Hernandez, Eustolia Gonzalez, Srita: Graciela Guzman y el Sr. Daniel Pereda.

Gracias, que Dios les colme de dicha y paz en sus hogares. Para que con ese amor, vengan a servir a su comunidad.

El día 30 de Mayo dara por terminado el curso 2009/10 de catecismo. Recuerden Padres que cada año tenemos que registrar a nuestros hijos para formar parte del grupo de catecismo las registraciones estaran en la rectoria durante el verano.

El proximo año tendremos catecismo el día Sábado en el horario de las 5:15PM-6:20PM y por supuesto los niños y sus padres participaran de la Santa Misa. El catecismo del día Domingo continua en el mismo horario.

Necesitamos catequistas para los dos días, dejemos saber si desea compartir sus dones con lo niños de la comunidad de San Juan .



MARYKNOLL NOCHE DE CINE

“*GIRL IN A CAFÉ*” (Joven en una Cafeteria)
Lunes Junio 7 a las 6:30PM. en el salón comunitario (duración 95 minutos)

El es un empleado servicial de una delegación de Britania a la cumbre del 2005. Ella una joven en un café y el la invita a que valla con él al evento. Ellos juntos cambian la historia.

NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA

TORNEO DE GOLF

Necesitamos su ayuda para que nuestro torneo sea un éxito! Estamos buscando **Jugadores** que deseen participar en el torneo y a compañías que deseen patrocinar los hoyos de golf. Por favor llame a Valarie al 510-276-6632 si desea participar de cualquier manera.

QUIENES SON LAS SEÑORAS DE SAN GERARDO?

Somos las mujeres de la parroquia. Algunas somos jóvenes, algunas mas mayores, algunas solteras, casadas, viudas, separadas, y divorciadas algunas son chaparritas otras son altas algunas son tímidas otras no lo son.

Porque somos el club de las mujeres de San Gerardo? Somos una comunidad que no funciona sin gente quien apoye sus necesidades. Nosotros apoyamos a la parroquia financieramente; el ventanal que esta arriba del altar es uno de nuestros logros.

Nuestra próxima reunión es el día 1 de Junio a las 7:00PM en el salón comunitario. Nuestro orador invitado será el Padre Hugo. Les garantizamos un buen tiempo cuando usted tome parte del club de Señoras de San Gerardo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Ernestine Moir, presidente del club al 510-537-7232.

CADA VIERNES de las 9:30 A.M a las 10:00 A.M. tenemos la Adoración a la Divina Misericordia con adoración al Sagrado Sacramento. (Inglés)

CADA PRIMER VIERNES DEL MES Todos estan invitados a la Hora Santa con meditación, musica y tiempo de reflexión. Da comienzo a las 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. (Español)

Vengan a Adorar al Señor Jesús Sacramentado!

LA RAÍZ DE LA SABIDURÍA

La Sabiduría tiene sus raíces en la bondad, y no al revés.



MERCADO DE PULGAS

El Grupo Guadalupano, tendrá el Mercado de Pulgas el día sábado 26 de Junio. Todas las organizaciones de la Parroquia o individuos están invitados a participar. Comenzando el próximo fin de semana, estaremos vendiendo los puestos después de todas las Misas. Para más información puede llamar a Edith Lewis al 415-4293