

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †
 Week of **June 14, 2010 — June 20, 2010**

- Monday June 14, 2010**
 8:30 A.M. Manuel & Mary Fernandes †
 Leon Alejandro Sr. †
- Tuesday June 15, 2010**
 8:30 A.M. Francisco & Anna Andrade †
 Gregory Del Santo †
- Wednesday June 16, 2010**
 8:30 A.M. Rose Silva †
 M. Cecilia Rosa (S.I.)
- Thursday June 17, 2010**
 8:30 A.M. Misa Sati'u †
 Doria Silva (S.I.)
- Friday June 18, 2010**
 8:30 A.M. Lawrence & Karma Bettencourt †
 Manuel Carvalho †
- Saturday June 19, 2010**
 8:30 A.M. James J. Gamenara †
 Maria Silva †
 4:30 P.M. Bill Hattwick †
 Jerry Dominguez
 Margarete Anselmo †
 6:30 P.M. Lourde & Rony Yambao (S.I.) 45yr Anni-
 versary
 Thomas Venegas †
- Sunday June 20, 2010**
 7:30 A.M. Diosdado Camarillo Jr. †
 Matt Donalaya †
 9:30 A.M. Jame J. Gamenara †
 Demetria & Emilio Robledo †
 11:30 A.M. Antone Brun †
 Steven Moir †
 2:00 P.M. Alicia Zaldivar †

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Flag Day
 Saturday: St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary



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)

June 5TH – June 6TH, 2010

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

Sunday Collection.....\$ 8,678.93
Maintenance Fund.....\$ 826.50
Bishop's Appeal.....\$ 20.00
Bishop's Appeal Goal\$ 23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal...\$ 15,128.13

Thank you for your generosity
Gracias por su generosidad.

Your donations make our ministries possible

REMEMBER THE SICK

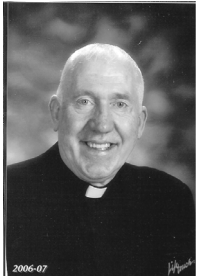
Vickie (Vicenta) Piojo, Michael Wharton, Frank Claven, Lora Rapini, Juanita Estrellas, Millie Falasca, A. J. Tammen, Sue Duncan, Barbara Bouchard, Bill Michaels, Jim Daniels, Sumiko E. Behan, Mary Ruybal, Lorraine Aven, John Olsen, Clarice Ryan, Alena Rosenecea, Maureen Marks, Maria & Ana Vieira, Lupe Macias, Peter Cruz, Rose Mitchell, Denise Schade, Rose Deluho, Darné Madson, Cheryle Rutherford, Arnold Perry, Zita Goncales, Prestoza Bernarda, Marie Gross, Kim Dunlop, 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday/Lunes: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday/Martes: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday/Miércoles: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday/Jueves: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday/Viernes: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday/Sábado: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
 Sunday/Domingo: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24



From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Simon observes Jesus accepting the ministrations of a sinful woman. He questions whether Jesus can be a prophet since Jesus apparently does not know "what sort of woman this is" (Luke 7:39). Jesus, however, knows far more than what Simon observes about the woman. Jesus knows not only her sinfulness but her great love as well. And Jesus responds, not to Simon's verbal objections, but to his unspoken criticism. Here, indeed, is a prophet who knows our thoughts and sinfulness, but knows our goodness, too.

People frequently judge each other by externals, just as Simon did. They categorize each other and, having been categorized, they can do little to escape. The woman in the Gospel was "a sinful woman in the city" (Luke 7:37). Her gestures to Jesus of love and humility were, therefore, overlooked by Simon. A sinner can, apparently, do no good.

Jesus sees things differently. He points out the goodness of the woman and appreciates her love in spite of her failures. Likewise, Jesus knows we are all sinners, but he loves us anyway.

Paul today gives tribute to "the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20). This former persecutor of Christians now boasts of his faith in Jesus. How grateful he must have been for the gift of forgiveness! The God who called Paul saw beyond his sinfulness, saw one who loved God passionately if misguidedly, and redirected his efforts.

For contemporary humans, forgiveness is as difficult today as it was in the time of the story of David; it is as hard as it was in the time of Simon. We humans have trouble seeing beyond externals and so easily fall into the habit of judging others unfairly.

Jesus' example calls us to look beyond externals, to find the goodness in each person, to forgive. Then God's gracious gift of the Son will not have been, as Paul says, pointless.

LEWELLING PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT!

On Monday, June 14th, the East Bay MUD will suspend water services to the Parish Facilities from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. In light of this event, Monday, June 14th *the Parish Office will be closed.* We appreciate your patience.

Blessings of Peace,
Fr. Mike

STEWARDSHIP— JUNE 13TH Like Nathan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving—even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly—if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING— Next weekend, June 19th and 20th we will have Fr. Don McKennan as our guest speaker for the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFFCA).



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.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th.

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

ALOHA!

St. Gerard Women's Club invites all to our annual luau on Saturday, July 17th. Please join us for fun and authentic Hawaiian food and entertainment. Donation is \$25.00 each.

Tickets will be sold after Masses. For tickets/information, please call Helen at 278-6494, Pat at 278-4161, or Cheryl at 278-2906.

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. We will be selling the "spaces" after all the Masses on Saturdays and Sundays.


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

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

BAPTISM - BAUTISMOS
St. John the Baptist welcomes:



*Absalon Bañuelos
Gilberto Cruz
Diego Guido
Natalie Mia Hernandez
Rafael G. Ramirez
Humberto Romero
Natalie Benicia Villa*

REPENT

"You are the man." These words, spoken to King David by the prophet Nathan in the passage just before today's first reading, were a wake-up call to David that he had done wrong in taking the wife of Uriah and having Uriah killed in battle. The story that woke David up to his own guilt was about a rich man who had many sheep, but took and slaughtered the only sheep of a poor man. David thought the man should be punished, but when Nathan made known to him that this story was about David himself, David woke up to his own sin and repented, and the Lord forgave him.

Today's psalm of David reinforces for us the necessity of recognizing our own guilt and confessing it before the Lord. Then "[b]lessed is the one whose fault is taken away, / whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1). God becomes our shelter, and gives us back our freedom.

“TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN”

Adult Faith Formation opportunities are offered at *St Joachim Parish from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM*. All sessions offer experiences to deepen one's faith, learn more about the faith, and to practice ways to share faith in formal settings and in everyday life. The topics are:

- June 14:** Revelation/Formation of Scripture and/or Spiritual voices: Saints, Multicultural Voices
- June 15:** Old Testament and/or The Mass
- June 16:** New Testament: Reign of God and/or Safe Environment Curriculum Implementation
- June 17:** Resurrection: Acts of the Apostles, Evangelization and/or Lament
- June 21:** Moral Formation: Moral Principles and/or Dabble with the New Roman Missal
- June 22:** Moral Formation: Sin, Grace, Redemption, Commandments, Beatitudes, Gospel Values
- June 23:** Moral Formation: Conscience Formation, Moral Decision Making and/or Resurrection
- June 24:** Moral Formation: Catholic Social Teaching

All are welcome to any evening. Contact Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050 x 16 for a flyer and more information.

“IN THE BEGINNING...” AN INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

Have you always wanted to read the Bible but felt daunted because you didn't know where – or how – to begin? Then join us for a 5 week scripture series that will shed light on this (sometimes) confusing book as we read from and discuss the first five books of the Bible. It will be taught by Ann Naffziger, the former Director of Religious Education at St. John's on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm from July 7-August 5th at St. Joseph's in Alameda. The content will be the same in the morning and evening so you can choose which is most convenient for you. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information or to register, contact Anne Marie Fourre at 995-9409 or afourre@st-joseph-community.org



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.

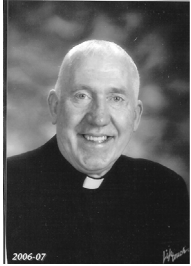
We will soon begin a new year of preparation for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. Please pray for and encourage our inquirers as they enter more fully into the journey toward full conscious and active participation in the Christian life.

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.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Mark your calendar! During the months of July and August Saint John Parish will offer a series on the Beatitudes. All are welcome to join in this reflection and learning experience based on Dr. Kathleen Chesto's book. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Queridos Amigo

En el Evangelio de hoy, Simón observa cómo Jesús acepta las atenciones de una mujer pecadora. Él cuestiona si Jesús es profeta, ya que Jesús aparentemente no sabe “qué clase de mujer es la que lo toca” (Lucas 7:39). Jesús, sin embargo, sabe mucho más sobre la mujer de lo que Simón puede observar. Jesús conoce no sólo los pecados de ella, sino que conoce también su gran amor. Y Jesús responde, no tanto a las objeciones verbales de Simón, sino más bien a la crítica que éste no ha verbalizado. Aquí, sin dudas, hay un profeta que conoce nuestros pensamientos y nuestra pecaminosidad, pero que también conoce nuestra bondad.

Las personas se juzgan entre sí basándose generalmente en las apariencias, tal como lo hizo Simón. Se asignan categorías entre sí y, luego de caer bajo una de esas categorías, rara vez pueden escapar de donde se han puesto. La mujer en el Evangelio era “una mujer conocida en el pueblo como pecadora” (Lucas 7:37). Por lo tanto, sus gestos de amor y humildad para con Jesús, pasaron por alto para Simón. Tal parece que un pecador o una pecadora no puede hacer nada bien.

Jesús ve las cosas de manera diferente. Él señala la bondad de la mujer y valora el amor de ella a pesar de sus fallas. De la misma manera, Jesús sabe que todos somos pecadores, pero nos ama de todas formas.

Pablo rinde hoy tributo al “Hijo de Dios que me amó y se entregó por mí” (Gálatas 2:20). Este antiguo perseguidor de cristianos ahora alardea de su fe en Jesús. ¡Qué agradecido debe haber estado por el don del perdón! El Dios que llamó a Pablo vio más allá de su pecado, vio a una persona que amaba a Dios apasionadamente aunque de manera errónea, y redirigió sus esfuerzos.

Para los humanos contemporáneos, el perdón es tan difícil hoy como lo era en los tiempos de David; e igual de difícil que en los tiempos de Simón. A los humanos nos cuesta ver más allá de las apariencias y por eso caemos fácilmente en el hábito de juzgar a los demás injustamente.

El ejemplo de Jesús nos llama a mirar más allá de las apariencias, a encontrar la bondad en cada persona, a perdonar. Así el don que nos da Dios en su Hijo no habrá sido en vano, como dice san Pablo.

ANUNCIO DEL PROYECTO LEWELLING

El día lunes 14 de junio, la compañía del Agua EBMUD, suspenderá los servicios a todas las instalaciones desde las 8 A.M. hasta las 4 P.M.. Por lo consiguiente las Oficinas de la Parroquia estarán cerradas. Apreciamos su paciencia.

Bendiciones de Paz
Padre Mike

LA FUNDACION CRISTIANA PARA LOS NINOS Y ANCIANOS El próximo fin de semana el Padre Don Mc Keena, estará entre nosotros dando información sobre dicha Fundación.

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

COMUNIDADES PEQUEÑAS EN CAMINO

Talleres para Pequeñas Comunidades con el Padre Marins y Hermana Teo. Principios para crear, acompañar y alimentar las pequeñas comunidades en las parroquias.

Iglesia San Luis Beltran en Oakland
Junio 14 y 15 de las 7:00—9:15 p.m.

Queen of all Saints en Concord
Junio 17 - 18 de las 7 a la 9 p.m. y
Junio 19 de las 10:00 a las 2:00 p.m.

¡ALOAH!

Las Señoras de San Gerardo les invita al Luau anual el día sabado 17 de Julio. Por favor unase a nosotros a una autentica comida y diversion Hawaiiana. Donacion es \$25.00.

Los boletos estarán a la venta despues de todas las Misas. Para mas información llame a Helen al 278-6494, Par al 278-4161 o Cheryl al 278-2906



MERCADO DE PULGAS

El Grupo Guadalupano, tendrá el Mercado de Pulgas el día sabado 26 de Junio. Todas las organizaciones de la Parroquia o individuos están invitados a participar. Todos los sabados y domingos después de las Misas estaremos vendiendo los puestos. Para más información puede llamar a Edith Lewis al 415-4293

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. (Ingles)

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!

SEMINARISTAS DE OAKLAND

Dichosamente el numero de seminaristas a crecido en la Diocesis de Oakland, ahora tenemos 25 y 6 nuevas aplicaciones para el Otoño. La oficina de Vocaciones de la Diocesis de Oakland esta buscando la donación de un auto para el uso de los seminaristas. El carro debe estar en buenas condicione y economico para operar. Se les daráa un recibo para que los puedan deducir de sus impuestos. Si puede ayudar, pongase en contacto con las oficina de Vocación al 510-267-8356 o use el correo electronico rkrausnick@oakdiocese.org.

ESTAS INVITADO A LA GRAN FIESTA

El dia sabado 3 de Julio a las 12:00pm en el RANCHO EL AFORTUANDO en Castro Valley. Tendremos Caballos Andaluces Bailadores con musica en vivo.

Necesitamos recaudar fondos para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Acompañanos a celebrar junto con tu familia y amigos un día campirano con juegos para los niños, rifas, potro mecanico y muchos antojitos Mexicanos.

No se les olvide marcar su calendario para ese dia.

ARREPIÉNTETE

“Tú eres ese hombre”. Estas palabras, dichas al rey David por el profeta Natán en el pasaje justo antes de la primera lectura de hoy, es un fuerte llamado a David para que tome conciencia de que había hecho mal al tomar la esposa de Urías y ordenado su muerte en la batalla. El relato que hizo que David se despertara a su propia culpa fue sobre un hombre rico que tenía muchas ovejas, pero que tomó y mató a la única oveja de un hombre pobre. David opinó que ese hombre debería ser castigado, pero cuando Natán le hizo saber que esa historia era sobre él mismo, tomó conciencia de su pecado y se arrepintió; y el Señor lo perdonó.

Hoy el salmo de David nos recalca la necesidad de reconocer nuestra propia culpa y confesarla ante el Señor. Entonces, “dichoso el que está absuelto de su culpa, a quien le han sepultado su pecado” (Salmo 32:1). Dios se convierte en nuestro refugio, y nos devuelve nuestra libertad.

PROBADO COMO EL ORO

Dios desea probarte como el oro en el fuego. El fuego consume la escoria, pero el oro puro permanece y su valor aumenta.

—San Jerónimo Emiliani