

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2009

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 23 - 28

Mon	7AM	Emma & Maurice Bradley
	9AM	Sr. Veronica Gannon
Tue	7AM	Rev. Patrick Keane
	9AM	Kevin & John Hutchinson
Wed	7AM	Kevin Hutchinson
	9AM	Annette Batmale
	5:15PM	Marie Treleven
Thu	7AM	Emma & Maurice Bradley
	9AM	Gearoid O'Sullivan
Fri	7AM	Emma & Maurice Bradley
	9AM	Ed Tarrant
Sat	7AM	Annette Batmale
	9AM	Elizabeth Mullen

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Beverly, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Msgr. Bruce Dreier, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Michelle Hufford, Eleanor Jean, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Grace Lawrence, Frank Lucas, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Paul Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, Camilla Wolfe.

### LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE AND SOUP SUPPERS

Daily Masses during Lent are 7am and 9am, and on all *Wednesdays* of Lent there's an additional Mass at 5:15pm, followed by a Soup Supper in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to help make soup; if you are interested in helping, please call Beverly at 924-1771.

### ABSTAINING FROM MEAT ON FRIDAYS OF LENT

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MON** Life in Christ Series today – 9:30am Hall  
CYG Class – Hall – 7-8:30pm

**TUE** Scripture Class – Hall – 9:30am

**WED** Parish School of Religion (PSR) Classes  
Grades K-1 Parish Hall  
Grades 2-6 – at Marin Catholic H.S.  
3:30pm – 4:45pm  
Children's Choir Rehearsal - 5pm - Church

**THU** Adult Choir Rehearsal – Church – 7:30pm

**During the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held in Church after Mass.**

### STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last Week's Collection:	\$ 3,951
Weekly Goal:	\$ 5,200
Weekly Average:	\$ 4,592

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading. "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

### ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal:	\$65,200.
Received:	\$45,209.

#### **Donors *this* week:**

M/M Juan Amador, M/M Raymond Beghetti, M/M John Bessolo, M/M Robert B. Burke, William Crawford, Carla Elkins, Ann Holzheiser, Dr/M Joseph Matan, Amelia McCall, M/M E. Warren McGuire, M/M Arnold Piatti, Ruth Platt, Lidia Pringle, M/M Fred Tirrell, Jeannette Weiss, Mrs Wm. C. Williams.

***Thanks to all who have contributed.  
Together, we can reach our goal.***

### YOUNG AT HEART NEWS

**Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7, at 11:30am**

**"Serve Yourself" Buffet of sandwiches, salad, and cookies for a nominal fee of \$5/person.**

**Non-members, guests \$7.50 per person.**

**Entertainment by Marin Catholic Music Dept.**

**Info / Reservations: 461-9003 or 461-2735**

### CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY

in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.  
March with hundreds of California Catholics to visit our legislators in our State Capitol.

### **MEDJUGORJE VIDEOS ON LOCAL CHANNEL 26**

Comcast channel 26 in Marin has begun broadcasting a series of 56 half-hour videos which were filmed in Medjugorje; a new video about the reports of Marian Apparitions each Monday at 7pm.

### **TRANSFORMING GRIEF**

A spiritual day of retreat for all Marin parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be held on Sat. April 18 from 9:30am-2:30pm at St. Anselm's McDonald Conference Center located in the school's parking lot on Richmond Ave.

Eucharistic Liturgy will be a part of the day.

Donation \$10. Please bring a brown-bag lunch.

More info call Barbara at 415-614-5506.

### **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GRACE**

The "Holy Hour" is given us by the Church not as a law or a set of rules to keep, but as an opportunity for an open encounter with the living God. The suggestions given here for making a Holy Hour are just that – suggestions. There are many other ways to celebrate a Holy Hour: praying a Rosary, praying a Litany of the Divine Praises, devoting specific periods of prayer to particular needs or particular people, taking time for "holy study" and simply finding a good spiritual writer to read, using the time before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance to do an examination of conscience or singing hymns. There are, of course, countless other ways to meet with God. What matters is that your encounter with Him be sincere and prayerful, with a genuine openness to let God just look at you (all of you) as you look at Him, allowing the distance between you to diminish.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

The Catholic Church has been celebrating this feast ever since the Vatican had made it official on April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Jubilee year 2000.

Jesus Himself promised a complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on that day, even to the most terrible sinner imaginable. God in His great mercy is giving mankind a last chance for salvation. To get this great promise one has to go to Confession and then receive Holy Communion on that Feast on Divine Mercy, which has now been called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church. A Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday was decreed on Aug. 3, 2002.

April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday a service will be held at St. Isabella's Church from 2-4pm in Terra Linda, with Confessions from 2-3pm; Rosary from 3-4pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Homily by Fr. Alner Nambatac, Benediction and the Veneration of the Cross. More info: call Mary at 479-9137.

### **HANDICAPABLES,**

an organization which gives handicapped people an opportunity to meet, have lunch, and socialize, will meet on Sat., March 28th, in the St. Anselm School Gym "Molinari Room" (enter the school gate near the corner of Richmond and Mariposa Sts., San Anselmo).

Mass begins at noon and lunch follows.

### **COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated, rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the Temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Is it merely to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would *that* be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we a people who follows the teachings of God and obeys the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood?

### **WORLD WATER DAY**

Today the Holy Father is visiting and praying with the people of Africa. Today is also International World Water Day, an annual event to focus worldwide attention on the importance of fresh water. More than 1.1 billion people lack access to safe water and 1.6 billion people lack even basic sanitary facilities. According to a 2006 report from the United Nations a child dies from a water-related disease every 15 seconds. For more info go to [www.setoninstitute.org](http://www.setoninstitute.org).

Let us pray to the Lord that on this World Water Day, water, essential for life and health, may be abundant for all people.

### **MARRIAGE FOR LIFE**

Engaged couples are invited to view marriage as a Sacrament of our Church. The program is available to all couples, and space is guaranteed. This program satisfies the San Francisco Archdiocese, requirement for marriage preparation. The location is St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco near Japantown. For information, call Joe or Connie D'Aura at 664-8108 or email: [daura@ccwear.com](mailto:daura@ccwear.com).

### **RETRouvaille**

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriage. It helps couples through difficult time in their marriage, giving them the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for a weekend, call 893-1005, or see [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

From the book addressed to Autolyclus  
by Saint Theophilus of Antioch, bishop

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear.

It is like this. Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. They get to know things that are different from each other. They distinguish light and darkness, black and white, ugliness and beauty, elegance and inelegance, proportion and lack of proportion, excess and defect. The same is true of the sounds we hear: high or low or pleasant. So it is with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in their capacity to hear or see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see him, provided that they keep the eyes of their mind open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind that are shrouded in darkness because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will, you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through his Word and wisdom. Through his Word and wisdom he created the universe, for *by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array*. His wisdom is supreme. *God by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he arranged the heavens, by his knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew.*

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the immortal One, if you believe in him now.