12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 21, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 7AM Christina Piatti 9AM Carla Elkins

Tue 7AM Bud, Emma, Alice, & Lorri

9AM Vincent Gaudiani

Wed 7AM Joanna & Joseph Calleja

9AM Teresa McDonough

Thu 7AM Emma & Bud Bradley

9AM Grace Lawrence

Fri 7AM Margaret Burns

9AM Frank Bonavia

Sat 7AM Tom Cincotta

9AM Norma Geissberger

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection \$4,088. Weekly goal \$5,200. Weekly average \$4,594.

As you can see, we are far below the amount needed to keep our parish running as it should. Let us be generous as God has been generous to us.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal: \$65,200. Received: \$52,809.

Donors this week: Angela Brown & Patricia Leahy

130 Families have given, out of 496 registered.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon "Life in Christ" – Parish Hall – 9:30am Tues Scripture Class – Parish Hall – 9:30am

POPE BENEDICT XVI HAS DECLARED

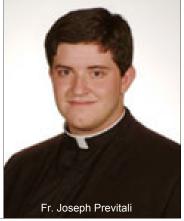


THE YEAR
OF THE PRIEST

JUNE 19, 2009 TO JUNE 19, 2010

PRAY FOR
PRIESTS
AND FOR
VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese rejoices in the Ordination of its three newest priests this weekend at St. Mary's Cathedral, and St. Sebastian's is blessed to have had one of them, Father Joseph Previtali, celebrate his first Mass here at 5pm on his Ordination Day, June 20, 2009.



"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

—Saint John Vianney

ENJOY SUMMER.
BUT DON'T TAKE
A VACATION
AWAY FROM
GOD.

Wherever you go during the Summer, God will be with you. Remember to thank Him at Sunday Mass, and to join your prayers with those of people around the world.

We need your fidelity!

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS ON FATHER'S DAY

Dear Heavenly Father,
I ask that You bless my father
and fathers everywhere.
Grace them with Your wisdom,
Your strength, Your forbearance,
and Your mercy.
Let their lives be a testimony
to Your justice, but most of all,
to Your constant love.

Grant that our nation and all the world may come to revere the "manly virtues" of honesty, perseverance, and faith.

Welcome our fathers
who have preceded us into eternal life,
confident of your favor, your understanding,
and eternal happiness in the company
of You and Your saints. Amen.

God, bless all our fathers —
those who are still with us
and those who have gone before us
not only today
but forever. Amen.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of St. Paul is available at any parish church of the Archdiocese of San Francisco from the evening Mass of June 27 through any Masses on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The faithful are to attend Mass, receive Communion, go to a sacramental Confession within a week of receiving Communion, and offer prayers for the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Raphael Ministries, Inc. 17th SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL MARIAN CONFERENCE

July 3-5, Crowne Plaza Hotel Conference Center 1221 Chess Dr., Foster City

Theme: *MARY, MOTHER OF CHRIST* Speakers include Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, Deacon Alex Jones, & Fr. Robert Faricy, S.J.

Information & Registration: 800-456-4197

www.sraphael.com or

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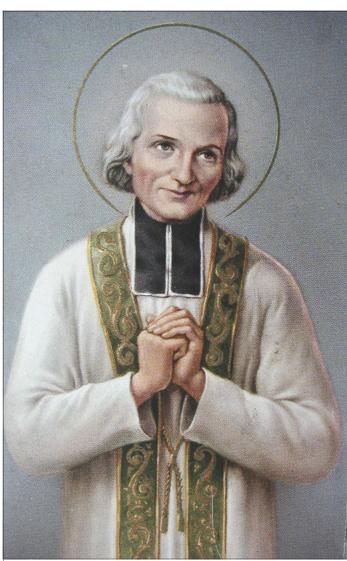
FATHER'S DAY

An archeologist once found an unusual clay tablet on the site of ancient Babylon in Iraq, which carried a message of greeting and hope from a son named Elmisu to his father some 4200 years ago. While most tablets from the remnants of royal archives address matters of diplomacy and business, this example reminds us of the countless fathers honored by families everywhere through time, just as we set aside days to especially celebrate our parents.

We may wonder about the history of Father's Day, which in the tradition of the Church is celebrated on the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. In the U.S., the first Father's Day occurred on July 5, 1908, in West Virginia. Shortly before, a mine disaster had taken the lives of 361 men, leaving many widows and orphans, which prompted a day of remembrance. Two years later in Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Sonora Dodd organized a celebration to honor her father William Smart, a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic who had passed away. Family, friends, neighbors and GAR members joined Sonora on June 19, 1910, to mark the occasion which Sonora made special in a big way. She told everyone how extraordinary William was, a matchless father with a heart as great as the outdoors, a man of courage and generosity much loved by family and friends.

The newspapers mentioned Sonora and soon the idea of Father's Day drew wide support in the press, with support from notables such as William Jennings Bryan, later the 41st Secretary of State. Afterwards, in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon established its permanent observance in 1972. Today also, the red rose honors the occasion, while the white rose memorializes those who are deceased.





St. John Baptiste Marie Vianney (1786-1859)

The Curé of Ars, France Patron Saint of All Priests

By Carol Glatz of Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI declared a year of the priest in an effort to encourage "spiritual perfection" in priests.

The pope will open the special year with a vespers service at the Vatican June 19 -- the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the day for the sanctification of priests. He will close the celebrations during a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square June 19, 2010.

During this jubilee year, the pope will also proclaim St. John Vianney to be patron saint of *all* the world's priests. At present he is considered the patron saint of *parish* priests.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of this 19th-century saint who represents a "true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ," the pope said.

St. John Vianney is widely known to Catholics as the Curé (parish priest) of Ars who won over the hearts of his villagers

in France by visiting with them, teaching them about God and reconciling people to the Lord in the confessional.

In his address, Pope Benedict said... [p]riestly ordination creates new men who are bestowed with the gift and office of sanctifying, teaching and governing.

The pope underlined the necessary and "indispensable struggle for moral perfection which must dwell in every authentically priestly heart."

The pope said he was calling for the special year for priests in an effort to foster the priest's yearning "for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends."

...[G]reat care must be taken to ensure permanent and consistent doctrinal and spiritual formation for seminarians and priests, he said, specifying the importance of passing down, especially to younger generations, "a correct reading of the texts of the Second Vatican Council, interpreted in the light of all the church's doctrinal heritage."

Priests must also be "present, identifiable and recognizable -- for their judgment of faith, their personal virtues and their attire -- in the fields of culture and charity which have always been at the heart of the church's mission," he said.

"The centrality of Christ leads to a correct valuation of ordained ministry," he said, adding that, without priestly ministry, there would be no Eucharist, no mission and even no church.

