

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 12, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	Virginia Gillis, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Ann Whitty
Tue	7AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
	9AM	Melania & Tom Sullivan, Harriet & Dick Scollin
Wed	7AM	Haddad Family, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Lera & Daini Family
Thu	7AM	Kevin Hutchinson
	9AM	Mother Arianda
Fri	7AM	Grace Lawrence
	9AM	Sr. Carol Ann McMarie
Sat	7AM	Allison Keaney, <i>living</i>
	9AM	José Vasquez, <i>living</i>

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 Hufford, 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, William Wharton, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection	\$ 4691.
Weekly goal	\$ 5200.
Weekly average	\$ 4691.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal:	\$65,200.
Received:	\$53,709.

Donor(s) *this week*: Mrs. Janet McGarry

132 Families have given, out of 496 registered.

We are counting on you!

Please do your fair share
for our parish and the archdiocese.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 6:7-13

Jesus gives *authority* to the Twelve, and then sends them out two-by-two to all the nearby towns and villages.

And what do they preach? Repentance.

Repentance is also what John the Baptist had been preaching as he prepared the way for the Lord. And after John had been arrested and jailed, Jesus, himself, preached repentance as he announced that the reign of God was among us.

So, how should we, who are so familiar with the Gospels, respond in our day? We should recognize and admit that we cannot save ourselves, humbly confess our countless failures, faults, and—to be honest—our *sins*, and repent!

We may have to ask God to give us a contrite heart, ready for his healing and forgiveness, and then, accepting the joy that comes from being forgiven, seek to pass that forgiveness to everyone around us.

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**for information:
Christine Paquette 454-3303 x12**

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The program, with commentary,
will last about one hour.



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**POPE PLACES CHARITY AND TRUTH
AT HEART OF DEBATE**

by Father Joseph Fessio, SJ

NAPLES, Florida, JULY 7, 2009 (Zenit.org).

Benedict XVI has something for everyone in “Caritas in Veritate”—from praising profit (21) to defending the environment (48). But in these cases, as in all the others, he calls for a discernment and a purification by faith and reason (56) that should temper immoderate and one-sided enthusiasms.

Once again, Pope Benedict shows himself to be a theologian of synthesis and fundamental principles. In the titles of his three encyclicals he has used only five nouns: God, Love, Hope, Salvation, and Truth—the most fundamental of realities. And in the opening greeting of this encyclical he succinctly describes the contents: “on integral human development in charity and truth.”

Note that from this very greeting Pope Benedict has changed the whole framework of the debate on “the social question.” This was expected to be—and is—his encyclical on “social justice.” And indeed “justice” and “rights” find their proper place in a larger synthesis. But the priority is established from the outset, the foundation is laid, with “charity” and “truth.” “Charity is at the heart of the Church’s social doctrine” (2). “Without truth, without trust and love for what is true, there is no social conscience and responsibility, and social action ends up serving private interests and the logic of power” (5). ...

(28: “Openness to life is at the center of true development”). ...

Here is a radiant example of the fundamental, synthetic, and discerning character of Pope Benedict’s formulation of the Church’s social teaching, one which for me is worth the whole encyclical for its clarity, depth, and common sense: “If there is lack of respect for the right to life and a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology. It is contradictory to insist that future generations respect the natural environment when our educational system and laws do not help them to respect themselves” (51).

There are times when one is especially proud of the blessing of the Catholic faith. This is one of them.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

Saturday, September 12 at St. Mary’s Cathedral

1111 Gough Street at Geary, in San Francisco

Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am

Program Starts at 9:30 am

Buffet Lunch at 11:45 am

Program Concludes at 2:30 pm

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Vicki Evans 614-5533 evansv@sfarchdiocese.org

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POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

Our Adoration Chapel, up behind the Altar in our church, is where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. You are welcome to drop in and pray there in the Lord’s presence during the week. Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, is exposed for Adoration during the day after our morning Masses as long as people are present.

The Rosary is prayed for priests three times a week here in our Adoration Chapel. You can always drop in during the day to visit our Lord and pour out your heart to him.

Even if you’d rather pray in the main part of the church, you are *still* in the presence of the Lord, and are always welcome to make a visit and experience the blessings of basking in His love.

Pope Benedict XVI's New Encyclical: Social Political Issues Tied to Pro-Life Ethic

—by Steven Ertelt LifeNews.com Editor July 7, 2009

The Vatican (LifeNews.com) -- Pope Benedict XVI has released a new encyclical *Caritas in veritate* (Love in Truth), that says the numerous social political issues are all tied to the pro-life ethic. The leader of the Catholic Church made it clear that human life must be protected from conception on and that the pro-life perspective can't be compromised in pursuit of common ground on other political issues.

Although the new paper doesn't mention pro-abortion President Barack Obama, some observers are seeing it as an indirect statement in response to his disingenuous pursuit of common ground on the abortion issue.

Pope Benedict says, "one of the most striking aspects of development in the present day is the important question of respect for life, which cannot in any way be detached from questions concerning the development of peoples."

The pro-life perspective obligates people to "broaden our concept of poverty and underdevelopment to include questions connected with the acceptance of life, especially in cases where it is impeded in a variety of ways."

He is upset that "some parts of the world still experience practices of demographic control, on the part of governments that often promote contraception and even go so far as to impose abortion." "In economically developed countries legislation contrary to life is very widespread, and it has already shaped moral attitudes and praxis, contributing to the spread of an anti-birth mentality; frequent attempts are made to export this mentality to other States as if it were a form of cultural progress," he laments.

"By cultivating openness to life, wealthy peoples can better understand the needs of poor ones, they can avoid employing huge economic and intellectual resources to satisfy the selfish desires of their own citizens, and instead, they can promote virtuous action within the perspective of production that is morally sound and marked by solidarity, respecting the fundamental right to life of every people and every individual," he writes.

"If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away," he says.

Pope Benedict relies on the connections to John Paul II's Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* to make his points.

He says that well-regarded work is "highly important for delineating the fully human meaning of the development that the Church proposes." "The Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* emphasizes both the unitive and the procreative meaning of sexuality, thereby locating at the foundation of society the married couple, man and woman, who accept one another mutually, in distinction and in complementarity: a couple, therefore, that is open to life," Pope Benedict writes.

"This is not a question of purely individual morality: *Humanae Vitae* indicates the strong links between life ethics and social ethics, ushering in a new area of magisterial teaching that has gradually been articulated in a series of documents," he added.

"The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics," the Pope writes.

Pope Benedict XVI also takes pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood to task. He condemns those that "actively to spread abortion, at times promoting the practice of sterilization in poor countries, in some cases not even informing the women concerned."

The pontiff also tackles bioethics issues in the new encyclical. "Further grounds for concern are laws permitting euthanasia as well as pressure from lobby groups, nationally and internationally, in favor of its juridical recognition."

He concludes by saying that "openness to life is at the center of true development," and warns, "when a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good."