

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 26, 2009**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Dennis McCarthy, <i>living</i></b>
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Frank Bonavia</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Dick Scollin</b>
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Patrick Whitty</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Haddad Family, <i>living</i></b>
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>William Walsh</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Melania &amp; Tom Sullivan</b>
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Bud &amp; Emma Bradley</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Mary King</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Martin</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, 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, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Michelle Hufford, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, 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	\$ 5064.
Weekly goal	\$ 5200.
Weekly average	\$ 4709.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Assessed Goal:	\$ 65,200.
Received:	\$ 54,458.

**Donor(s) *this week*:** Mr. & Mrs. Alan Forrester, Hilde Buel, & Mr. & Mrs. David Young

**136 Families have given, out of 501 registered.**  
**We are counting on you!**

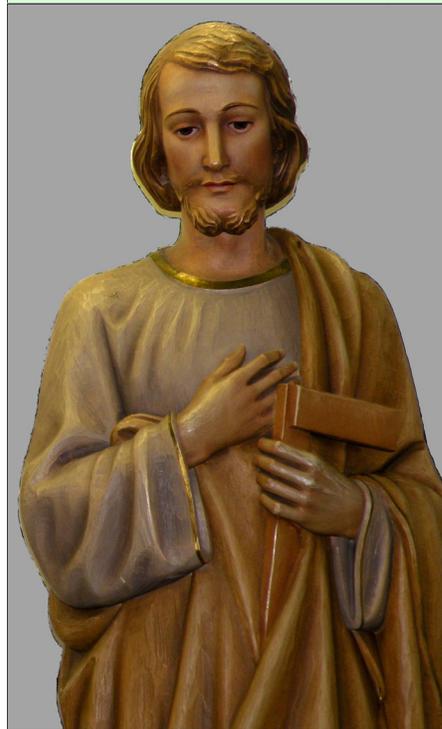
**PARISH IMPROVEMENT NEWS**

The main doors to our church have been repaired so that they easily open and close, and they'll soon be refinished to look good as new.

The painters have been hard at work down in the Parish Hall, and will then move up to paint the church itself, inside and out.

Roofers will be hard at work next week, replacing our aged roof.

We are able to take care of our parish buildings because of the good stewardship and generosity of so many of you who have given to the parish in so many ways, especially in the Sunday collections.



**Let us ask St. Joseph, patron of workers and protector of the Universal Church, for his intercession so that all this work may be brought to a wonderful completion, and also for the protection of those who will be so high up on our roof! With his prayers, we're sure to be blessed.**

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS**

If you have left your reading glasses, sunglasses, or other items in the church, please ask the priest or call the parish office to see if someone turned them in.

**ORGAN CONCERT BY FR. PAUL PERRY**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 12:30PM**

Fr. Paul will play music of Bach, Aylward, Purvis, Rheinberger, Messiaen, Rachmaninoff, & others.  
 All are welcome. No admission charge.  
 The program, with commentary, will last about one hour.

### JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE

We hear from the Gospel of John in today's Mass that Jesus took the few loaves of bread and the fish, gave *thanks* to His Father, and distributed them to the hungry crowd. They were all *filled*, and Jesus had the left-over fragments collected so as not to go to waste—twelve wicker baskets *full*!

To the disciples, those five barley loaves and two fish seemed so worthless, but Jesus *thanked* God the Father for them, "*because he himself knew what he was going to do.*" He was going to feed everybody—with a fore-taste of what He does at every Mass throughout the world for all time.

What might Jesus be teaching us today through this gospel? What lessons can we draw as we hear these words?

There are times when it seems that we do not have enough of whatever it is that we need, when we are afraid because circumstances threaten our security. For instance, the current economic disasters in our country have shaken many of us, and we may, like the crowd, find that we don't have enough to make ends meet. What are we going to do?

Jesus took whatever he had and gave thanks.

We should thank God likewise because, with faith in God, we have all that we need to live. Even if, for example, we've just received from our doctor a reminder of our own mortality—even *then*—we can thank God for whatever it is that He is going to do, because we know that He is going to fulfill His promises. He fed the multitude of people—more than once. He calmed the stormy wind and sea. He walked on the water. He raised the dead!—more than once. He, Himself, rose from the dead just as He'd foretold, and sent us His Spirit to remind us of all these things and to help us in time of need.

Jesus is a God who keeps His promises. So let us ask Him for the grace to be grateful and accept whatever comes our way, both good and bad—because He will take it and bless it and make it bear much fruit for us for eternal life.

**Our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society  
needs your assistance in stocking their pantry  
with the following items:**

Cereal, hot & cold	Syrup
Fruits	Soup
Coffee (small cans)	Toilet Tissue
Tuna	Paper Towels
Macaroni & Cheese	Toothpaste
Flour	Toothbrushes
Pancake Mix	Bar Soap
Cake Mix	Laundry Detergent
Frosting	

**Please leave your donations in the plastic barrels  
near the doors of the church.**

### ST. PATRICK'S THRIFT SHOP

in downtown Larkspur can use your help!

They need volunteers to staff the shop.  
Can you spare 3 or 4 hours a month, or more?  
The shop is open 10-4 Tuesday—Friday,  
and 12-4 on Saturday.  
Weekday shifts are 3 hours,  
4 hours on Saturdays.  
You choose your shifts.  
No retail experience is necessary.  
Call Lorraine Urban 924-1357.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH CENACLE OF PRAYER

3 - 4:00pm, next Sunday, August 2nd  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,  
a short reading from "Our Lady Speaks to Her  
Beloved Priests, a short talk, and Benediction.  
You are welcome to come for this hour of prayer.



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**A "QUICK QUESTION" FROM CATHOLIC ANSWERS.COM**

**Q: One huge impediment to my faith is that God never communicates with me. I pray daily, attend Mass often, and confess at least twice a month. But I still feel nothing but emptiness and silence from God. How is it possible to have a relationship with God if he won't at least have a conversation with me?**

A: If God ever ignored you, you would cease to exist. He affirms you with your every heartbeat. Are you disgruntled because he isn't conforming to your standards? He speaks to you on his terms all the time. And I don't mean just through his creation. He speaks to you by the gift of faith that he has given you. He speaks to you from every crucifix you have ever seen. But most of all he speaks to you from the chalice on the altar which contains the blood that he willingly shed for you. Think of this: We are attracted to the good in things and then love them for that reason. But when God loves things, he makes them lovable by loving them. When we look at a crucifix and see how much he loves us, we also see how lovable we are! All of this is Jesus speaking to us. But we have to be focused on him and not what we want from him. As for the good feelings that you want, he obviously has not determined that they would be the best for you at this time. Mother Teresa went without such gratification for 20 years. But he still spoke to her through the graces he gave her. I'm sure she would tell you that such gratification is worth waiting for.

—Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:**

*General Intention:* That people worldwide may become more mindful of the plights of millions of refugees and displaced persons, and that tangible solutions be found to address their often tragic situations.

*Mission Intention:* That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality, and religious freedom recognized in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin  
Benefit of the Free Dining Room**

*"Pennies from Heaven"*

**Annual Fundraising Dinner & Live Auction  
Saturday, August 29, 6:00pm  
at St. Hilary Church, Tiburon**

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