

**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 2, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MON 7 AM Unbelievers**  
**9 AM Grace & Stan Lawrence**
- TUE 7 AM Grace Adamiak**  
**9 AM Norma Geissberger**
- WED 7 AM Lorenzo Alessandria**  
**9 AM Kevin Hutchinson †, and**  
**Marese Hutchinson, living**
- THU 7 AM Cornelius Burns**  
**9 AM William P. Walsh**
- FRI 7 AM Dhein Family, living & dec'd**  
**9 AM Gregorio Guasek**
- SAT 7 AM Grace Lawrence**  
**9 AM Stewart & Amy,**  
**Dan & Angela Dhein, living**

**ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Assessed Goal: \$65,200.

Received: \$54,456

Donors *this week*:

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, 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 Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Joe Popovich, Dr. Augusto T. Rossano, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Paul Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, William Wharton, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

**1260 ON YOUR AM DIAL**  
**IMMACULATE HEART RADIO**

SHARING THE HEART  
OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MON Life in Christ Series today – 9:30am Hall**

**TUE Scripture classes 9:30am Parish Hall**

**STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE**

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3,895.

Weekly Goal: \$ 5,200.

Weekly Average: \$ 4,506.

"The hand of the Lord feeds us." says the Psalmist, "He answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

**WORD of LIFE**

"The teaching that the Church ceaselessly proclaims does not change with the passing of time: human life is beautiful and should be lived to the full, even when it is weak and enveloped in the mystery of suffering."

-Pope Benedict XVI

**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 info. or to register for a weekend, call 893-1005, or see [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**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 Archdiocesan requirement for marriage preparation. The location is St. Mary's Cathedral in S.F. Call Joe or Connie D'Aura at 664-8108 or email: [daura@ccwear.com](mailto:daura@ccwear.com).

**Our Parish Website**

**[www.sebastian94904.com](http://www.sebastian94904.com)**

**INTERESTED IN MAKING A RETREAT?**

**Names of some Retreat Centers:**

**Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave. Menlo Park, CA 94025 Phone (650) 325-5614.**

**San Damiano Retreat Center:**  
**710 Highland Drive, Danville, CA 94526**  
**Phone (925) 837-9141**

**Jesuit Retreat Center:**  
**300 Manresa Way, Los Altos, CA 94022**  
**Phone (650) 948-4491**

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

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

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

**"PENNIES FROM HEAVEN"**

Annual Fundraising Dinner & Live Auction

Saturday, August 29, 6:00pm

At St. Hilary Church, Tiburon

Information: Christine Paquette 454-3303 x12

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen colonies.

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**GOD'S WORK**

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent"* (John 6:29).

**WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY?**

**As Catholics we know that God created us out of love and continually summons us to love him back. Prayer is our response to God's love.**

**Catholics pray because we believe in God's existence in our lives. We pray because we have the hope that our salvation is coming. And we pray because during prayer the Holy Spirit brings us hope, joy, and peace. Prayer is what connects us to God directly, intimately, and lovingly.**

**HAVING A SECOND CHANCE**

Don't give up if you feel you failed to please God. Remember St. Peter. Although he deserted Jesus when he was most needed, Jesus gave him another chance to affirm his love. (John 20:19). He will do the same for you.

**NAZARETH HOUSE IN TERRA LINDA**

Nazareth House, built in 1962, is a Retirement Home for the elderly located in San Rafael. It is a one-story structure with beautiful landscaped grounds. It is owned and operated by the Sister of Nazareth. The sisters and staff provide a caring, loving and secure environment with excellent service including meals, housekeeping, a wellness center, and a wide range of daily activities. Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are available every day.

Applications of all denominations are welcome.  
Call the admissions coordinator at 479-8282.

**Choose Life:** *“A particularly crucial battleground in today's cultural struggle between the supremacy of technology and human moral responsibility is the field of bioethics. In this most delicate and critical area, the fundamental question asserts itself forcefully: is man the product of his own labours or does he depend on God? We are presented with a clear either/ or. Yet the rationality of a self-centered use of technology proves to be irrational because it implies a decisive rejection of meaning and value.”*

—Pope Benedict XVI.

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