

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	McDonough Fam., <i>living & dec'd</i>
	9AM	Mary King
Tue	7AM	Haddad Family, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Dennis McCarthy, <i>living</i>
Wed	7AM	Harriet & Dick Scollin
	9AM	Teresa McDonough
Thu	7AM	Annetta Lazio
	9AM	Marilyn Charbonneau, <i>living</i>
Fri	7AM	Fr. Al Vucinovich
	9AM	Fr. Joseph Previtali, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Melaad Ashi, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Tom Whitty

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 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.

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection	\$ 4910.
Weekly goal	\$ 5200.
Weekly average	\$ 4586.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal:	\$65,200.
Received:	\$54,456.

134 Families have given, out of 501 registered.

We are counting on you to do your fair share for our parish and the archdiocese by responding to this annual appeal.
Thank you.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



This Saturday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption: her being taken, body and soul, into heaven.

It is not a "day of obligation" since it falls on Saturday this year, but it is still a *solemnity*—the highest of our feast days!

After our morning Mass, then, on Saturday, we will have a simple procession with an image of Our Lady over toward Marin Catholic High School and back. You are welcome to attend the Mass in honor of Our Mother Mary and join in grateful prayer. Where she has gone, we hope to follow!

TODAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Be sure to drop-in downstairs after Mass this morning, have something good to eat and drink, and enjoy the company and hospitality of parish friends.

We have wonderful volunteers ready to serve you, so please come to the Hall after Mass.



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STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the "Bread of Life" discourse from John's Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews' ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days, we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that He is the bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after His promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise—but this "reward" is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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PARISH IMPROVEMENT NEWS

As you can see, painters and roofers have been hard at work these past two weeks, downstairs, upstairs, and way up on top.

It is only through *your* generosity that we are able to improve our parish buildings and grounds, and this gives us the hope that future generations will benefit not only from us being good stewards of our material goods, but even more so, that we may help them to be the recipients of all the treasures of the Catholic faith.

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.

THE LORD IS HERE FOR YOU

Jesus is always present in the tabernacle in our church, and the Blessed Sacrament is *exposed* for adoration on Mondays thru Fridays from 7:30am until 7:30pm.
Bring your problems and pains,
your sorrows *and your joys*,
and bask in His presence in the silence of prayer.

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.

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**

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

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

**2009 Opening Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 1, in the Parish Hall**

Lunch will be catered & served by Deer Park Villa, starting at 11:45am.
Menu: Spinach Salad, Tortellini with meat sauce, French Bread, Coffee or Tea, & Spumoni Ice Cream, bottles of Red Wine & White Wine on each table, *and...* Musical Entertainment.
Members: \$25. Guests: \$27.50
(Members are those who have paid 2009-2010 dues.)

Last day for sign up or refund is August 28.
Call Denise Carrade 461-0689
Barbara Wakida 461-2735

OUR LADY AND ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Next Friday is the Memorial of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, ofm, a Polish Franciscan Priest who willingly gave up his life for that of another prisoner in the Nazi death camp of Auschwitz a few months before the United States even entered the war.

When a prisoner in his cell block had escaped, the deputy camp commander forced the 600 men of that block to stand in the sun all day while the camp was searched. Unable to find the escapee, he then chose ten men to die in punishment, and as a deterrent to anyone else who might think of escaping.

When one of the condemned men began to cry aloud about his wife and children, Fr. Kolbe stepped forward—an unheard of action—and approached the officer. The officer, shocked, stepped *back*! Kolbe asked if he could make a request. “Who are you?” he demanded. Kolbe replied, “I am a Catholic priest. I would like to take this man’s place.” The officer, amazed, granted the request, and Kolbe and the nine others went down into the starvation cell to die. About two weeks later, only three were still alive: Kolbe, and two unconscious prisoners. His captors finished him off on the 14th of August with an injection of acid into his arm, which he held up for them.

The date of his death—and birth into eternal life—is quite Providential: Fr. Kolbe had had a tremendous devotion to Our Lady all his life. His mother related that, as a child, he’d had a mystical experience of Our Lady where “She came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both.”

Fr. Kolbe & his fellow Franciscan began the Knights of the Immaculata, and developed a Catholic publishing house in the friary to evangelize Europe. His daily paper had a circulation of 230,000, and a monthly magazine over a million! He became fluent in Japanese, and the monastery to Our Lady he founded in Nagasaki was Providentially spared from the atomic bomb blast because he had built in on the other side of the hill. We can see how Providential it is that his feastday is celebrated just one day before the great Solemnity of Our Lady’s Assumption!

