

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Labor Day Holiday. One Mass Only. 9AM Special Intention
Tue	7AM Haddad Family, <i>living</i> 9AM Kevin Hutchinson
Wed	7AM Bill Wharton 9AM Special Intention
Thu	7AM Alioto, Lazio, & Cincotta Fam. 9AM Priests, <i>living & deceased</i>
Fri	7AM Christina Piatti 9AM Duane Snider
Sat	7AM Catherine Moran 9AM Ed †, & Marilyn Charbonneau

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Annemarie, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Philip Hansen, Eileen Harrihan, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlessmann, Mary Ann Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our **Parish School of Religion (PSR)** begins its new school year in September. Call our Parish Office at 461-0704 if you would like to enroll your children so that they may grow in the knowledge of our faith.

Would You Like to Teach Religion?

Any adults who would like to share their faith by teaching in our PSR would certainly be appreciated! You would be blessed as much as would the children. Call the Parish Office at 461-0704.

**In Observance of Labor Day
the Parish Office will be Closed
on Monday, Sept. 7.**

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection	\$ 3,885.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,147.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal:	\$65,200.
Received:	\$57,306.

Donors this week:

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Wabl

142 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.**

CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our parish Confirmation Youth Group (CYG) will resume for the 2009-2010 year with the annual **Parent/Pastor Night** on Mon., **Sept. 21 at 7:30pm.**

Weekly CYG meetings begin on Mon. Oct. 5. CYG is open to any young person in Grade 7 thru High School who desires the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete initiation into the Catholic Church. We also welcome youths who seek Baptism, First Communion and/or First Confession, or Profession of Faith as Catholics.

CYG meetings are held on Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall, and are directed by Confirmation Coordinator David Previtali.

For registration forms and other information email Dave at stsebycg@aol.com, or call him at 479-5316, or leave a message for him at the rectory.

Spread the word among your family and friends who have middle school and older children in need of Catholic faith formation.

FLU SHOTS COMING IN OCTOBER

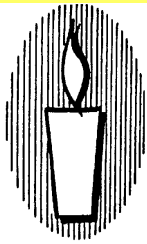
Once again, here in our Parish Hall, flu shots will be available for anyone aged 4 years and up.

Saturday, October 10, & Sunday, October 11

Please sign-up by calling the Parish Office at 461-0704 so that technicians will know how much flu vaccine to provide.

**NOT CATHOLIC?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE CHURCH?**

Adults interested in becoming Catholics, or Catholics who want to receive the Sacraments of Communion, and/or Confirmation are invited to attend R.C.I.A. classes (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) with the view to receiving the Sacraments next Easter. Adult Catholics who want to know more about their religion are also welcome to inquire. Call the Parish Office at 461-0704.



RCIA

Labor Day

A Time to Remember; A Time to Recommit

(Excerpts from an article written in 2007)

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.

Bishop of Brooklyn

Chairman, Domestic Policy Committee (USCCB)

Labor Day is a holiday with an important, but sometimes forgotten purpose. It was established in New York in 1882 as a day to honor work and workers and also a time to celebrate the contributions of the American Labor Movement. For too many, Labor Day has become just another day off or a time to buy school supplies, rather than a day to honor the hard work of school teachers, janitors, cafeteria workers, and others. Unfortunately, it often takes a horrible mining disaster or a terrible attack like 9/11 to remind us of the everyday heroism and hard work of people who still labor under the earth, who go into burning buildings, or who contribute to the common good of their everyday work and enterprise. There are exceptions: many cities and towns have traditional Labor Day parades and a number of Catholic dioceses mark this holiday by celebrating the ties between the Church and the labor movement with a special Mass and prayers for workers. ...

Our tradition has defended the right of workers to join together to secure decent work, wages, and a voice in economic life. ...

Labor Day, while not as clear in its purpose as it might be, still marks a turning point in the calendar and our lives. In some ways, Labor Day may seem like a second New Year's Day, a time for looking back at what has happened and looking ahead at the work that lies before us. ...

For Catholics, Labor Day is a time to recommit in our own small ways—to our own work, to treat others justly, and to defend the lives, dignity, and rights of workers, especially the most vulnerable. This is a requirement of our faith and a way to advance the promise of our nation.

**SAN FRANCISCO ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE**

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street at Geary - San Francisco
St. Francis Hall

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Continental Breakfast at 8:30am

Program Starts at 9:30am

Buffet Lunch at 11:45am

Program Concludes at 2:30pm

Cost: \$20 (Scholarships Available)



YOU CAN BE AN ANGEL

The Gabriel Project

Learn practical techniques for a parish-wide assistance ministry for pregnant women, helping them eliminate the very thought of the word "crisis" when becoming the mother of an unplanned child.

Cathy McConn, Founder of the Gabriel Project in Houston, will train us in every aspect of this important ministry & instruct us on how to best implement it in our parishes based on her vast experience.

Gabriel Project parishes embrace each pregnant woman who comes to them as their daughter, sister, friend. Using signs, pamphlets, bumper stickers and a toll free hotline, we make it known that help is available. When a woman calls for help, the phone-line volunteer contacts the Gabriel Project Coordinator, who is a parishioner of the Church closest to where she lives. A trained mentor, one of the parish's Gabriel Angels, is assigned responsibility for ongoing contact with the mother throughout her pregnancy and somewhat beyond. The parish community assists with unconditional love. Through them, mothers receive the spiritual, material and emotional support needed during pregnancy.

To Register, contact Vicki Evans
Archdiocesan Respect Life Program
614-5533 or evansv@sfarchdiocese.org
RSVP by September 8.



**MASS & HEALING LITURGY
IN MEMORY OF OUR LITTLE ONES
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 11:00AM**

*Mourning our babies who died
before, at, or soon after birth.
We hold these, our children, gently in our hearts,
and pray for all who mourn them.*

“For I will turn their mourning into joy.”—Jeremiah 31:13

at the Shrine of Rachel Mourning
Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
1500 Mission Road, Colma
(enter the main gate, and follow the signs)

The Mass will be followed by a gathering and
light luncheon sponsored by the Archdiocesan
Project Rachel Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery.

For further information:
Project Rachel Ministry ... 717-6428
Respect Life Program 614-5572

SURPRISE IN HEAVEN

I dreamt that death came the other night,
and Heaven's gate swung wide.

An angel with a halo bright
ushered me inside.

And there to my astonishment,
stood folks I'd judged and labeled
as quite unfit, of little worth,
and spiritually disabled.

Indignant words rose to my lips
but never were set free,
for every face showed stunned surprise—
not one expected *me!*

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

General Intention: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed, and lived as the source of freedom and joy.

Mission Intention: That Christian in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often live under very difficult circumstances, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers and sisters, and trust in the strength of the Holy Spirit.