

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
October 11, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon	<b>Holiday: Only <i>One</i> Mass Today</b> 9AM Teresa McDonough
Tue	7AM Tim O'Leary 9AM Marina S. de Castañeda
Wed	7AM Stan & Fran Conway 9AM Ken Johnson
Thu	7AM Natividad E. Aguado 9AM Bell & Tarrant Fam., <i>living/dec'd</i>
Fri	7AM Fran & Stan Conway 9AM Dr. August T. Rossano
Sat	7AM Emma & Bud Bradley 9AM Paul Rettig

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Madison Bostow, 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 Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Mary McDonald, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Ann Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

**STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE**

Last weekend's collection	\$ 5,451.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,236.

**THE ANNUAL "OCTOBER COUNT"**

Every October, parishes count the number of men, women, & children at Sunday Masses for Archdiocesan records. 355 people attended our four Masses last week: (135 men, 186 women, & 34 children).

Let us pray that *all* those who are able to attend will do so, and come to celebrate the Mass with us!

**COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day.

We will have only *one* Mass on Monday—at 9 a.m.

**"WORLD MISSION SUNDAY"**

Our 2nd Collection next Sunday will help to spread the Gospel to the nations. Let us be generous!

**LECTORS AT MASS**

St. Sebastian Parish is grateful for the many men and women who volunteer to prepare and to read the Word of the Lord at our daily and Sunday Masses.

*"Keep up the good work!"*

We are always in need of new Lectors and readers for the General Intentions. If you think that you might be suited for this service to the People of God, please call the Parish Office.

**WELCOME NEW & RETURNING CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP (CYG) MEMBERS:**

**First Year:** Edilyn Haddad, Brian Montesinos, John Traverso, Tommy Fant, Joseph Matthews, Matthew Cinelli, Ryan Newhard, Jack McKernan, Jared Lazor, and Stephen Cresalia.

**Second Year:** Ryan McCarty, Michael Kelly, Maggie Maguire, Joseph King, and Thomas Cavanaugh.

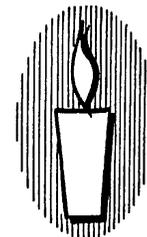
**CYG meets Monday nights 7-8:30pm in the Hall, beginning last week, in a 2-year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**Candidates must be 7th grade or above to begin their preparation. Enrollment is still open.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CATHOLIC ?**

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**

### "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Today is "Coffee Sunday", so don't "run off", but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am & 11am Masses and visit with fellow parishioners who look forward to seeing you there!

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away.

Does what *I* own keep *me* from following Jesus?

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our **Parish School of Religion** (PSR) has already begun! Call our Parish Office at 461-0704 if you would like to enroll your children in Religious Ed Classes.

#### 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.

### CYO REGISTRATION FOR BOYS & GIRLS

CYO registration for the 2009-10 basketball season has been underway for the past month !

Registration for Boys & Girls in grade 4 thru 8 for St. Sebastian CYO can be accomplished by going to

[www.eteamz.com/StSebastianCYO](http://www.eteamz.com/StSebastianCYO)

and clicking on the Registration tab.

The [active.com](http://active.com) registration site will appear. Option "C" should be chosen for registration.

Questions? Contact Bob McCullough at [bob@summitcrestcapital.com](mailto:bob@summitcrestcapital.com)

### MARIN CATHOLIC H.S. OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to attend the  
Marin Catholic High School  
College Preparatory

#### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 25 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It's a full 2½ hour program for 7th & 8th graders and their parents, beginning in the gymnasium at 2 p.m.  
*No need to R.S.V.P.*

Information: Call the Admissions Office 464-3810.

### VOCATION RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael  
Sunday, November 8, 2009 from 9am to 4pm  
Sr. Linda 479-8282 or Sr. Fintan 310-216-8170.

**St. Anselm School** is hosting its annual fundraiser on Oct. 24, at St. Anselm School. In conjunction with the dinner dance, there is an on-line auction at [www.stanselmauction.cmarket.com](http://www.stanselmauction.cmarket.com), beginning October 15th. In addition, there is a raffle with the chance to win 2 years' tuition at St. Anselm School for one child, or \$15,000 in cash.

More information, tickets for the raffle and the event are available at [www.bashbiz.dojiggy.com](http://www.bashbiz.dojiggy.com).

### RETROUVAILLE

**A Lifeline for Marriage** - Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, 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 who had experienced marital difficulties at all levels from disillusionment to deep misery.

For confidential information, or to register for our next program beginning with a weekend on December 4-6, 2009, call 893-1005 or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### WIDOWED, SEPARATED, & DIVORCED WEEKEND

October 23 - 25

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park.

For information and a brochure, contact:

LaVerne (650) 355-3978

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or email us at [SJBeginExp@aol.com](mailto:SJBeginExp@aol.com)

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## THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S SACRED SCRIPTURE READINGS

In our first reading—from the Book of Wisdom—the author pleaded for something valuable and great, but it was not for scepter and throne, nor “riches” of any kind.

What did he ask God for? For wisdom. And because he asked for *wisdom* rather than for any of the other *things* which usually *distract* people from God, he says that “all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.”

If we could only see things as God sees them, how blessed we'd be. Then we could understand the meaning of all the good things that surround us, and even the meaning of all the evils in the world, which also surround us. And even the meaning of suffering and persecution which Jesus mentions at the end of today's gospel passage. If we had wisdom, then we'd look forward to the “eternal life” which Jesus also mentions, which is “in the age to come.”

But it is true that we *have* received wisdom. It's one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If we've been Baptized, then the Holy Spirit has come to dwell within us, and if we've been Confirmed in the faith, then we have—no doubt about it—received those gifts of the Holy Spirit.

So, what's our problem? Why aren't we perfectly happy?

Well, we may not be perfectly happy because, even though we are temples of the Holy Spirit in virtue of our Baptism, we still live in the world and we still have our “crosses” to bear, just as Jesus bore the cross. But *happiness* and *joy* are two different things. And even if we are weighed down with a terribly heavy cross—even if we are enduring terrible suffering—even if the persecution of which Jesus speaks is directed personally at any one of us—we can still be filled with a *joy* that the world cannot take from us.

As in the Book of Wisdom, we need to ask God to help us *appreciate* the gifts He's already given us. And in Psalm 19, our Responsorial Psalm, we ask God to “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.”

Like the young man, whom Jesus looked on with *love* in today's gospel, we all have many possessions, given us by God, for which we should *thank Him* constantly. And we should ask for the wisdom to *use them* in a way that pleases God, and for the *detachment* that we need from them so that we'll be free to enjoy the world and all that is in it. We mustn't hold on to so many things, or even to other *people* in a way that enslaves us and causes grief. *Things* break. *Things* wear out. *Things* get lost or stolen. Even the *people* we love don't last forever—at least, not in *this* world. But if we give them to God, we'll receive them back in His heavenly kingdom!