

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 18, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	Bell Family, <i>living & deceased</i>
	9AM	Mary King
Tue	7AM	Agnes Peyre
	9AM	Hilde Buel, <i>living</i>
Wed	7AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
	9AM	Thomas Mannion
Thu	7AM	Christina Piatti
	9AM	Emma & Bud Bradley
Fri	7AM	Maurice, Alice, Lorri, & Emma
	9AM	Ed Tarrant
Sat	7AM	Diane Lang, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Vladia Cutler, <i>living</i>

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	\$ 4,053.
Weekly goal	\$ 5,200.
Weekly average	\$ 4,227.

THE ANNUAL "OCTOBER COUNT"

Every October, parishes count those who attend Sunday Masses, for Archdiocesan records.

316 people attended our four Masses last week:
(109 men, 169 women, & 38 children).

That's 39 fewer than the previous week.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The National Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC is a shiny black wall that stretches 492 feet and lists the names of the 58,022 known Americans killed in that war. **If such a wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be about 60 miles long! The casualties of all our wars put together are fewer than the casualties from abortion in a single year.**

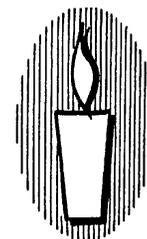
The Alan Guttmacher Institute, which favors the "freedom to terminate unwanted pregnancies" (Mission statement), indicates that "about 14,000 women have abortions each year because they became pregnant after rape or incest." At the same time, it indicates that in 1996, "1.37 million abortions took place." In other words, some **99% of all the abortions that occur have nothing to do with rape or incest, according to "pro-choice" sources.**

(Source: Website of the Alan Guttmacher Institute)

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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the *Roe vs. Wade* 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, is now a pro-life Catholic. On March 23, 1997, she declared these memorable words:

"I am Norma McCorvey. I became known as Jane Roe on January 22, 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court released the *Roe v. Wade* decision, which created a woman's "right to abortion". I am now a child of God, a new creature in Christ; I am forgiven and redeemed. Today, I publicly recant my involvement in the tragedy of abortion. I humbly ask forgiveness of the millions of women and unborn babies who have experienced the violence of abortion. In this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, I stand with those who honor the worth of every unborn child as created in the image of God. I will strive, in the name of Jesus, to end this holocaust."

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

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

and clicking on the Registration tab.

The active.com registration site will appear. Option "C" should be chosen for registration.

Questions? Contact Bob McCullough at bob@summitcrestcapital.com



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MARIN CATHOLIC H.S. OPEN HOUSE

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

OPEN HOUSE

Next 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, 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.

RETROUVAILE

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.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED, & DIVORCED WEEKEND

October 23 - 25

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park.

For information and a brochure, contact:

LaVerne (650) 355-3978

Helen (415) 388-9651

Ward (415) 821-3390

or email us at SJBeginExp@aol.com

Check the website www.geocities.com/sanjosebe/

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Somebody—actually a lot of people—*sacrificed* to bring the Good News to our land. They *served* us, even though they didn't *know* us, putting up with many hardships, learning new languages, eating strange foods, suffering misunderstanding, rejection, and—many times—persecution and *death* in order that *we* would hear the story. Like Jesus, they didn't come *to be served*, but to *serve*, and to give their *lives* as a ransom for many.

One time, Jesus asked his disciples the question: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). He must have been feeling pretty downcast to have had to ask such a question. *Will* he find faith on the earth? Or will he *not*?

Our Lord *will* find faith on the earth if each of us will serve others as people have served us. And if we will *not* serve others, then perhaps the answer will be “No. Jesus will *not* find faith on the earth.”

Now, imagine that we had never *heard* of Jesus, of Christmas, the wise men, the manger, the angels, the shepherds. No Christmas songs. Never heard about Jesus, who healed the sick and gave sight to the blind and brought the dead back to life. Nothing about his crucifixion, and certainly nothing about him rising from the dead. We would never have heard that there's a God who *knows* us and reveals Himself to us because He *loves* us, and desires to *forgive our sins* if we are truly sorry for them.

We can't imagine living in a world of such darkness!!

“The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light.” Jesus *has* come. He *is* the light. Thank God that somebody has told us!!

We live in what was once mission territory, with place such as: San Francisco, Santa Clara, San José, Sacramento, El Salvador. Maryland. Los Angeles. St. Augustine, Florida. How about Corpus Christi, Texas?

People of *faith* named these places.

Now is *our* opportunity to help others to see the light, who is Jesus Christ, whom we *received* at our Baptism. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your heavenly Father.” The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Now is *our* opportunity—to serve. “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” The answer is up to us.