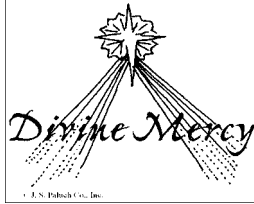


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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 23, 2006

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
-- 1 John 5:5



Upcoming
Parish
Events

Mon. Apr 24
Bible Study & Prayer Group, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Tue., Apr 25
Parish Council Mtg., 7:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Wed, Apr 26
Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Carroll Hall

Thurs. Apr 27
Girl Scouts, 7:00 pm, Scanlan Hall

Fri., Apr 21
AACC Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Scanlan Hall

Perpetual Novena to the Sto. Nino, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Prince of Peace, 8:30 PM, Scanlan Hall

ANNOUNCEMENT AND STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP GEORGE NIEDERAUER

In the spirit of solidarity with undocumented immigrants, I ask that April 23, 2006, Divine Mercy Sunday, be a day of prayer for our nations' legislators who are debating immigration legislation.

I encourage all Catholics in our Archdiocese to pray on Divine Mercy Sunday for just and humane immigration reform legislation that respects the dignity of our brothers and sisters who have come here from other lands. Further, I urge our Catholics to pray and make sacrifices for this intention throughout the coming weeks, and to contact their legislators in this regard.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States and Mexico in communion with John Paul II in his 1995 World Migration Day message have said:

In the Church no one is a stranger, and the Church is not foreign to anyone, anywhere. As a sacrament of unit and thus a sign and a binding force for the whole human race, the Church is the place where illegal immigrants are also recognized and accepted as brothers and sisters. It is the task of the various Dioceses actively to ensure that these people, who are obliged to live outside the safety net of civil society, may find a sense of brotherhood in the Christian community. Solidarity means taking responsibility for those in trouble (Strangers No Longer, p. 47)

One important way that we can "take responsibility" for these brothers and sisters among us is to pray and advocate for just and humane immigration reform legislation that respects family unity and reunification; that creates effective and welcoming opportunities for undocumented immigrants to become citizens; that allows for secure borders with humane enforcement; and that dignifies the important work that is done by the immigrant community in our society.

As recently as April 5th, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Holy See's permanent observer to the United Nations, said: "sometimes (immigration) is painted as a threat and is manipulated for short-term political gain, at the expense of the most natural rights of all human beings—the right to life, to citizenship, to work and to development." On that same day, Bishop Gerald Barnes, chairman of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Migration, said that the most recently proposed Senate version of immigration reform is "a good start." Bishop Barnes stated further: "The earned legalization program...represents sound public policy because it would not only enhance our national security while stabilizing the labor force in many important industries, but it would also allow families to stay together."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Apr 23, Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday; Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;** Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: **St. Mark; Holocaust Remembrance Day** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: **St. Peter Chanel; Arbor Day;** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: **St. Catherine of Siena** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, Apr 30: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We rejoice and celebrate with the following who are receiving the **Eucharist for the first time today**, April 23rd:

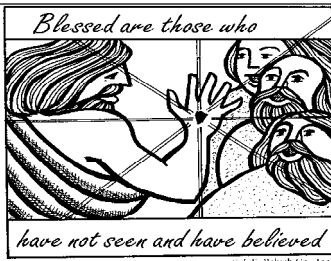


- Elias Arrunategui
- Joe & Kiki Faafiu
- Gabriel Garcia Jue
- Eddie Muaddi
- Jasmin Perkins
- Deija Rothenberg
- Fue & Soni Tualalelei
- Denzel Edelweiss Vaovasa
- Antonio Wheatley
- Ricky Torres
- Nathaniel Woodside
- Nadine, Nidal & Sally Nasser
- Angelica & Crystalyne Malbas

*A million thanks to **Suzanne Hockel and Kathy Sanford (& their respective crews)** for running the RCIC and the RCIA programs in our parish. Thank you so much for your dedication, perseverance and support of our programs!

*The Archdiocese of San Francisco is joining the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Campaign "**Justice for Immigrants**". As part of our local campaign, Archbishop Niederauer has designated today, April 23rd "Mercy Sunday", a Sunday in which he asks parishes to focus prayer on the creation of **just and humane immigration reform**. Pls read his message and call to action on opposite page. And if at all possible, pls. join whatever tail end of the march you can—see flyer.

***Raffle tickets** will be sent out soon. Please support our raffles by selling your tickets or buying them yourself. As most of you know, the proceeds of the raffles hopefully cover the greater part of our Archbishop's Annual Appeal assessment, which this year is \$47,700. Please look for your tickets in the mail. Thank you.



*Archbishop George H. Niederauer will receive his Pallium as the **Metropolitan Archbishop of San Francisco** from the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, on June 29, 2006, in St. Peter's Square. The Archdiocese office is organizing a pilgrimage around this event. Travel days are from June 27th to July 3rd. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Fathers Andrew and Labib will go. Hopefully, we can get an STM contingent go with them and represent our parish. Please call the office for more details.

*Thank you to all who have already signed up for our **Annual Golf Tournament on May 1, 2006 at Crystal Springs Golf Course** in Burlingame. Space is still available. Prices are: \$195/player, \$550 for a twosome with sponsorship, \$1,000 for a foursome with sponsorship. Please call the office for more details. (And please spread the word! Thank you.)

STM ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL

***Welcome back** to all our school children who start hitting the books again today — after a week of Easter vacation! Hopefully everyone is looking forward to the last few days left of school after a safe and restful break. Nice weather is coming back too, which helps.

***Retrouvaille, a program for troubled marriages** will be held on June 2-4 in Burlingame. Presented by 3 couples & 1 priest. **The program brings communication, reconciliation, forgiveness and hope.** Call Pat & Tony Fernandez on (415) 893-1005 or Ed & Peg Gleason (415) 221-4269. More info can be found at www.Retrouvaille.org

MASS INTENTIONS

April 23 — April 29, 2006

- 04/23 Sun 10:00 am People of the Parish
8:00 pm Ronald Teppert
- 04/24 Mon 8:30 am Wilfrido Macias†
- 04/25 Tue 5:30 pm
- 04/26 Wed 8:30 am Vincent Duc Luu†
- 04/27 Thur 5:30 pm Rogel Aguilar†
- 04/28 Fri 8:30 am Marietta Pili†
- 04/29 Sat 8:30 am Wilfrido Macias†
5:00 pm Small Family, Sp.Int.

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the mass you offer is preferred.



& Dino Rulloda, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members** of our parish esp. Speero Costa Tannous and Hanienah Tannous.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be changed as needed.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Thank you for your offering on:
Palm Sunday weekend: (4/09/06): \$8,138
Easter weekend: \$13,741



Actual Construction Money in Bank **\$116,509**

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall.

Thank you!