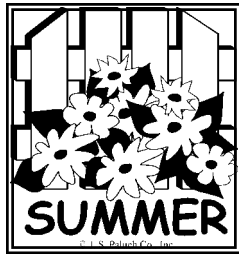


The Most Holy Trinity June 11, 2006

***Go . . . and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
— Matthew 28:19***



THE CHURCH OF LOVE, THE TRUE CHURCH

By Father Andrew Johnson

After my trip to Rome for the Consistory of Cardinal Levada, a parishioner complained to me about the “waste” of money by the Church on fancy lunches, dinners, vestments and liturgies when there are so many poor people who need spiritual and financial aid. This caused me to reflect on all that the Church is doing and has done throughout history to help the sick and the poor.

As Catholics, we have been commanded by the founder of our Church, our Lord Jesus to be a community of LOVE. For 2,000 years we have been attacked from within and especially from without. However, we have continued to grow and our charitable activities around the world continue to grow as well. We are the largest dispensers of unconditional charity the world has ever seen. One does not need to be a Catholic to receive our many free services. if we are truly God’s Church, it has to be this way. no other institution or government comes close to doing what we do in pure charity. In my opinion this is one of our most important credentials as the True Church.

The lunches and dinners in Rome were not paid for my the Church. Various tour groups, the participants themselves and an organization of lay Catholics, whose mission is the Defense of the Faith and helping the sick and the poor, paid for them. They bring many poor and seriously ill children and adults to Lourdes every year and give millions to charities worldwide, focusing on the sick and the poor.

Deuteronomy in the Old Testament is the source for our vestments. Every priest I know bought his own. Many are made by nuns who need the income to support their community. Some of them are very beautiful and costly. Most of mine were gifts from family and friends. At Mass we are in the presence of our God. Beautiful vestments add to the respect for our Lord’s presence. They can never be too beautiful under the circumstances. God is glorified here and not the clergy.

The roots of the Mass go back almost 4,000 years. The first part, the Liturgy of the Word, is patterned after the way we know of the worship by the Hebrews at least 3,800 years ago. The Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Consecration and the Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Our Lord go back to the Last Supper and Calvary 2,000 years ago and ancient Hebrew worship also. Vatican II states that the Eucharist is the center and source of our faith and the very summit of our Faith. Anyone who does not believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine is by definition not a Catholic. This has been true since the Last Supper. At the time of the Reformation, the Protestants also believed this.

The Church exists both in heaven and on earth. On earth we are a group of humans with all of humanity’s frailties. We expect more of our clergy and religious than others because of their devotion to the Church. In spite of the failings of some, we should be proud to be Catholics and of all the good the Church has done over the past 2,000 years to make this a better world. when we are criticized, we should respond with LOVE.

Upcoming Parish Events

**Mon. June 12—
Bible Study &
Prayer Group,**
7:30 pm, Chapel

**Wed. June 14—
Boy Scouts,** 7:30
pm. Carroll Hall

**Thur. June 15—
NERT Training,**
6:30pm-9:30pm in
Carroll Hall

**Fri. June 16 —
AACC Youth Group,**
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, June 11—Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
Monday: **10th Week in Ordinary Time** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: **St. Anthony of Padua** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: **Flag Day** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday, June 18— Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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 box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) Training:** Thank you very much for coming to this very important training. The third session will be in Carroll Hall, as usual start at 6:30 PM this Thursday. If you missed the first two sessions, you can take attend in another location to make up for it.

***Please support our raffles,** to cover our assessment of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which this year is \$47,700. The prize: 10 37" LCD TV's. Tickets are \$50 each. Odds are 1:150! Each parish family is urged to buy or sell the two tickets mailed out in May. **If you haven't done it yet, please return them or send payment to the office asap.**

*Some interesting facts about our parish:

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Baptis	14	37	74	73
Wedd	3	14	15	17
Funer	6	12	14	16

Our contribution to the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** (in thousands):

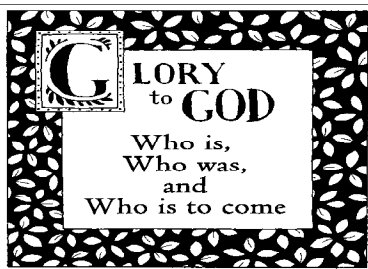
24	24	34	47
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Our increase in church membership was over 62%.

With our increased involvement with ecumenical and interfaith work we are fast becoming a center for these activities.

An increasing number of people come regularly for spiritual retreats. CCD & RCIC has increased about 80%, thanks to Kathy Sanford & Suzanne Hockel.

Currently we have 4 ethnic youth groups, an annual youth group summer camp in August and an annual Family Weekend camp in September, combined with St. John of God.



STM ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL

***Enjoy the summer.** Have fun but remember to be safe at all times. Remember to pray always. Come to (at least) Sunday Mass (or go to the nearest church if you/your family are away), although God is everywhere, He is always in church waiting for you to visit.

OTHERS

***Pope says youth need to know church does not stifle a couple's love.**

Pope Benedicts XVI said young people should understand that the church does not want to "suffocate" the joy of love between a man and a woman. The Pope made the remarks at a June 5 Rome diocesan conference dedicated to the theme of religious education for younger Catholics. After praying with participants in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the pope told them that love must be at the heart of every generation's education in the faith. "Adolescents and young people, who feel inside themselves an urgent call to love, need to be liberated from the widespread prejudice that Christianity, with its commandments and prohibitions, places too many barriers to the joy of love," he said. He said the church does not seek to prevent couples from "tasting fully that happiness that a man and a woman find in mutual love."

* The 14th **SF International Marian Conference** will be held **June 30th to July 2nd** at Crowne Plaza Hotel Conference Center, 1221 Chess Dr., Foster City, CA 94404. For info & pre-registration call 800-456-4197, www.sraphael.com. Email: srm.inc@juno.com

MASS INTENTIONS

June 11— June 17, 2006

06/11 Sun	10:00 am	Frances Quinn †
	8:00 pm	People of STM
06/12 Mon	8:30 am	Vincent Duc Luu †
06/13 Tues	5:30 pm	Inga Smith †
06/14 Wed	8:30 am	Barbara Villanueva (B'day)
06/15 Thur	5:30 pm	Laura & Mario Biagini †
06/16 Fri	8:30 am	Irene & Russel De Haven †
06/17 Sat	8:30 am	Joseph Mc Neil †
	5:00 pm	Mark Conde †

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



All the sick people in our parish especially Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman,

Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members** of our parish.

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.

Your offerings for the weekend of **June 4th:**

\$4,178

Tithing Offertory for June:

\$444



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Actual Construction and Repairs Money in Bank is \$108,212

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!**