

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2006

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

-- John 6:51



Father Rick Van De Water

Father Rick Van De Water is a diocesan priest ordained in the Holy Land in 1982 for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He was born in Columbia, S.C. and received a B.A. degree from Davidson College. In 1974 he traveled to the Holy Land to spend some time studying the Bible there. At the French Biblical Institute in Jerusalem he met Fr. Labib Kobti. He was impressed by Fr. Labib's ministry, especially during a week-long visit to Lebanon to visit Fr. Labib's family. One year later, he entered the diocesan seminary near Bethlehem. After ordination, he served in a number of parishes in the Holy Land, including Ramallah, Zerka (Jordan), Ader (Jordan) and Jifna. He also taught in the diocesan seminary for the Holy Land in 1995-96 and again in 1999-2000. He completed his masters degree in Biblical Theology in Jerusalem, then continued his doctoral studies at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland from 1996-1999. The Patriarch of Jerusalem, H.B. Michel Sabbah, has now assigned him to assist Fr. Labib and Fr. Andrew at St. Thomas More Church.

Father Rick is happy to serve this parish in every way. His special interest is in encouraging Bible study and music for worship. He hopes to meet each and every member of the parish, young and old, in the coming days. You are all in his daily prayers. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to him.

Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Aug 14—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues. Aug 15 —
Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary—
Masses are at
8:30am & 8:00pm

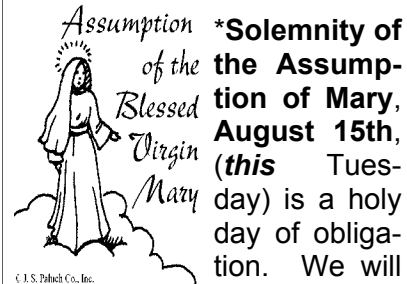
Legion of Mary,
7pm, Scanlan Hall

Fri. Aug 18—
AACC Youth Grp,
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Aug 13: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2; Jn 6:41-51
Monday: **St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe;** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: **Assumption Of The Blessed Mother;** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: **St. Stephen of Hungary;** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
Friday: **St. Frances de Chantal;** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: **St. John Eudes; Blessed Virgin Mary;** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday, Aug 20: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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. August menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cns of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat), 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.

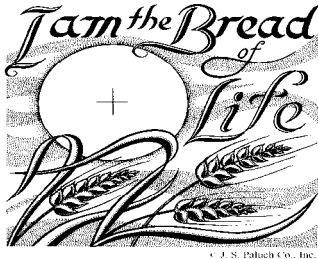


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
***Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th, (this Tuesday)** is a holy day of obligation. We will have two Masses: 8:30 AM and 8:00 PM. **(There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on that day.)** Please mark your calendars and come to one of our Masses on that day.

***August 15 after the 8:00 PM Mass, Fr. Rick Vandewater, our new priest who just arrived from the Holy Land is willing to speak about the situation in the Middle East and answer any questions. If interested, stay after Mass.**

***RCIA:** Adult classes for preparation for **Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation** are offered at STM. If you would like to become Catholic or have been baptized but not made your First Communion or your Confirmation, pls call **Suzanne Hockel at (415) 8266834** or e-mail or call the parish for more information.

*September 8,9,10 we will have our **Annual Family Camp at Occidental**. If interested call the office.



Pilgrimage to Rome

Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from November 12-22**. The 11-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciano (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan runs to about \$2,680, including airfare. **Pls register your names asap.** Contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira, our Secretary, for further info & registration.

OTHERS

****"Standing on the Cross road" a Vocational Workshop** for young adults **August 18th-20th** will be offered by the Verbum Dei Missionaries at their house of prayer. All events will be in Spanish & English. If you are interested please contact Sister Rosalia at (415) 282-3005 / 415 307-7828 or Email: verbum-dei@sbcglobal.net. Website: www.fmverbumdei.com/usa

*The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor will have their semi-annual **Garage Sale** on August 26th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 300 Lake Street (at 4th Ave). Buses: #1 California, #2 Clement, & #38 Geary. Furniture, Books, Clothing, Jewelry, Collectibles, Housewares & Much More!

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 13—Aug 19, 2006

- 8/13 Sun 10:00am Luisa Altares†
8:00pm People of STM
- 8/14 Mon 8:30am Special Intention
- 8/15 Tue 8:30am Jose Mairena†
8/15 Tue 8:00pm Laura (hlg.)
- 8/16 Wed 8:30am Jose de la Pena†
- 8/17 Thu 5:30pm Reynaldo Mendoza†
- 8/18 Fri 8:30am Vincent Duc Luu†
- 8/19 Sat 8:30am Peace in the Middle East
5:00pm Jose Braganza†

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



All the sick people in our parish especially Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Issa Barakat, Jamileh Massis, Naim Totah, & Nazzal Nazzal. We also pray for the safety of family members of our parishioners who are in the Middle East.

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

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

Your offerings for the weekend of **August 6th:**
\$4,437
 Tithing offertory:
\$462



Actual Construction and Repairs Money in Bank is:
\$110,172

*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!***