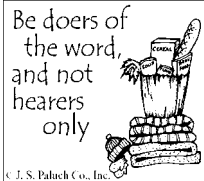


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2006

Humbly welcome the word that has been
planted in you and is able to save your souls--

James 1:21b



Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Sept 4—
**Bible Study &
Prayer Group,**
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues. Sept 5—
Legion of Mary,
7 pm Scanlan

Fri. Sept 8—
**Feast of the Na-
tivity of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary** (*not a holy
day of obligation-
regularly sched-
uled Mass at 8:30
am*)

AACC Youth Grp,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter's denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord's power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community's life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord's table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that "tough love" would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord's unfailing gift of reconciliation.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Sept 3: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22; 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday **Labor Day,** Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: **St. Peter Claver,** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, Sept 10: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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. September 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.

Nativity
of the
Blessed
Virgin
Mary



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***Friday, Sept. 8** may not be a holy day of obligation, but it would be nice to honor the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed

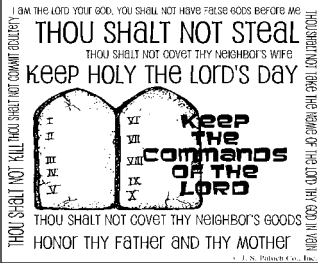
Virgin Mary with the attendance of Holy Mass. Will you join us at our regularly scheduled 8:30 am Mass?

*STM appreciates your generosity to the collection for the rebuilding of infrastructure in the Diocese of Biloxi and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The offerings came to \$1,387. **Thank you.**

***RCIC:** Classes are in the **Sacristy on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00.** If you somehow missed the orientation and have a child ready for RCIC, please call Kathy Sanford at (650) 738-0646.

***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 1st Communion or your Confirmation, pls call **Suzanne Hockel at (415) 8266834** or e-mail or call the parish for more information.

***Our Annual Family Camp** will be on Sept. 8, 9, 10 at **Occidental.** Space still available, pls call the office if you are interested in going.



***Church donations** may now be made to STM **electronically.** Please call the office if you would like to sign up.

*Some dates are still available for **Mass Intentions** for the rest of the year. You may also want to reserve your dates for next year. If you call the office we will be happy to help with that too.

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

*Sunday, 09/24/06 is **CYO Family Day at Raging Waters** in San Jose. Enjoy exclusive use of the facility. \$26 admission includes T-shirt & lunch. Mass at 10 am, slides open at 11 am. Transportation available. Call 415-972-1233 or email rbalcu-nas@cccyo.org by Sept. 15th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 3—Sept 9, 2006

- 9/03 Sun 10:00 am People of STM
8:00 pm Remedios Librojt
- 9/04 Mon 8:30 am Ed Benedict†
- 9/05 Tue 5:30 pm Agatha Duffy†
- 9/06 Wed 8:30 am Bernice Aguas (Sp. Int.)
- 9/07 Thu 5:30 pm Roberto Ariast
- 9/08 Fri 8:30 am Salud de la Penat
- 9/09 Sat 8:30am John Silva (hlg.)
5:00pm Louis Braganzat

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



All the sick people in our parish especially John Silva, 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, Nazzal Nazzal, for deceased Nenita Apolonio. We also pray for the safety of family members of our parishioners who are in the Middle East.

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

Your offerings for the weekend of **August 27th:**
\$4,042



Actual Construction & 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!**