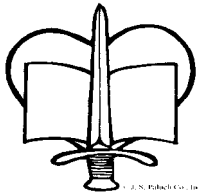


28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 15, 2006
**The word of God is living and effective,
 sharper than any two-edged sword.**

-- Hebrews 4:12a



*Upcoming
 Parish
 Events*

Mon. Oct 16—
**Bible Study &
 Prayer Group,**
 7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues, Oct 17—
Legion of Mary,
 7 pm Scanlan Hall

Wed. Oct 18—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
 pm, Carroll Hall

Fri. Oct 20—
**Bible Study
 Group, 6:30 pm,**
 Chapel

AACC Youth Grp,
 6:30 pm, Scanlan
 Hall

Prince of Peace,
 8:30 pm, Scanlan
 Hall

When God is in my life!

By Fr. Labib Kobti

When you experience the presence of the Lord in your life; when you feel that God is there when you do things; when you are touching the hearts of people and God shines through your good will and action; when you irradiate love, patience, honesty and forgiveness and people see in you a person who does not only speak but acts because God lives in you ...then you can say with **the Book of Wisdom 7: 7-11**, our first reading of today: "I preferred God to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison ...Beyond health and comeliness I loved God, and chose to have God rather than the light..."

When you experience the love of God "penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow.." as we read at the second reading, the **Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13**; you will say with the **Book of Psalms 90:12-13** "Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy. Yes, joy and happiness will be your life. Yes peace and kindness will be your days, because the Lord God and not anybody is living in you, working through you and blessing the people you speak to or work with.

You may be the person who is asking Jesus the question we read at **St. Mark 17:17-30, our Sunday Gospel** "What must I do to inherit eternal life? I come to mass, I say my prayers, I fast, I take communion, I do not steal... Is there anything more that I can do?"

And you may want to hear the Lord's answer to you:
 Will He ask you to "sell what you have and give to the poor"?
 Will He ask you to forgive somebody and make peace?
 Will He ask you to be honest at your work, and faithful in your relations?
 Will He ask you to respond to his call to become a priest and serve the people of God?
 Will He ask you to stop using alcohol or drugs... or not to go with people who have a bad influence on you?

"Let us beg and pray God day by day," **says John Henry Newman (1809-1890)**, "to reveal Himself to our souls more fully; to quicken our senses; to give us sight and hearing, taste and touch of the world to come; so to work within us that we may sincerely say, Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and after that receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison to Thee: my flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever".

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Oct 15: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]
 Monday: **St. Mary Margaret Alacoque; St. Hedwig;** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: **St. Ignatius of Antioch;** Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: **St. Luke;** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
 Thursday: **Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Joques,** Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: **St. Paul of the Cross;** Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary;** Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday, Oct 22: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

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. October 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, please. Thanks.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

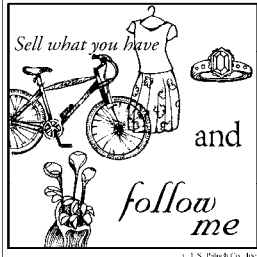
Clothing Collection * **Saint Vincent De Paul**
Don't forget there is a van in front of the church for depositing the donations of **men's clothing** all day today!

* Two weeks to November! Remember to draw up your list of dearly departed so we can type them in to our **Book of Remembrance**. Draw up your list, stick in the envelopes at the entrances to the church, and drop in the collection basket or at the parish office. A donation in the amount of your choice would be appreciated.

* It's time to order **New Missallettes** for the new liturgical year! We invite you to send in the names of family members and/or friends (deceased & living) you want to honor with a donation of \$100 to cover the cost of the missallettes. The list will be in an insert on the inside front cover of the missallettes which we will start using in Advent. (Thank you to those who have already dropped off their donations and family members' names.)

* Please see the flyer on our celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Palestine & Jordan** on Sunday, October 29, at noon. Everyone is **invited!**

* **Pilgrimage for Saint Jude Thaddeus**, October 28, 9am-12noon. Location: Start (walking) from Mission Dolores, on the corner of Dolores Street & 16th at 10:15 am and end at St. Dominic's Church, 2390 Bush Street at 11:45am. Mass at noon. Pls. check flyers at the bulletin boards for more info or call Jaime Pinto at (415) 333-8730.



* Please mark your calendars: Everyone is invited to the 2006 **Archdiocesan Eucharistic Retreat** on Saturday, November 18 at St. Mary's Cathedral from 9-4 pm. There is no fee but a voluntary donation will be appreciated. More information will be forthcoming, but please spread the word.

* Please talk to Josephine and/or Merly about tickets for the mini raffles to be drawn during the **Luau** on November 18th in Carroll Hall. Help with selling the tickets will be much appreciated.



I have chosen to become a member of **St. Thomas More** and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active and consistent presence at worship each week and will respond consistently by my financial giving even when I cannot be present.

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Name(s) _____
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I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, pls _____ No, thanks _____

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MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 15 — Oct 21, 2006

10/15 Sun 10:00 am People of the Parish
8:00 pm Milagros Escolta†
10/16 Mon 8:30am Laura & Mario Biaginiti†
10/17 Tue 5:30pm Irene & Russell de Havent†
10/18 Wed 8:30am Isidoro Rodriguez†
10/19 Thu 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory†
10/20 Fri 8:30 am Severino Arguelles†
10/21 Sat 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm Rafael Gonzales†

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



All the sick people in our parish especially Issam Totah, Eddie Bernal, Zenaida Salamat, Martha Panaszewicz, Nahil Nazzal, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal; and the repose of the souls of the recently deceased members of our parish esp. Jalam Musallam.

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

Your offerings for the weekend of **Oct 8th:**
\$3,354
Second collection next weekend will be for World Mission Sunday. Please be generous. Thanks.



Actual Constru(ction & Repairs Money in Bank is: \$130,652

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!**