



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2007

*Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.— Isaiah 62:2*

Second Sunday: Ordinary Time

Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Jan 15
Bible Study & Prayer group
7:30pm, Scanlan Hall

Tue. Jan 16—
Legion of Mary,
7pm, Scanlan Hall
Communion & Liberation, 7pm,
Chapel

Wed Jan 17—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
pm, Carroll Hall

Fri Jan 19—
AACC Youth Grp,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall.

Prince of Peace,
8:30pm, Scanlan
Hall

Sat Jan 20—
Prayer Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

"SEEING IS BELIEVING"

Turn that saying around and you get "Believing is seeing." Faith is the gift of looking right through and beyond what is obvious. Believing is seeing what lies beyond sight. Isaiah had faith. He saw right through and beyond the "forsaken" and "desolate" circumstances of the people. Isaiah saw through to the faithfulness and love of God--and dared to proclaim it.

Saint Paul had faith. Faced with ordinary people struggling with ordinary jealousies and divisions, he told them (and tells us) to look beyond the obvious. One person heals, another works wonders, another preaches. People have different functions. But so what? Behind the different gifts is "one and the same Spirit [who] produces all these" gifts (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Jesus' disciples were developing faith. Through the "signs" of this ordinary-seeming man who went with his mother to a wedding reception, they began to see beyond the visible, to discern divinity at work in him.

IT TAKES PRACTICE

Like the disciples, we are developing faith. We are discovering that there is a world beyond the world at the tip of our noses. Call it the world of the Spirit; call it the supernatural; call it what you will. But behind what is obvious lies a divine presence, a hidden reality.

And yet not completely hidden. With faith, we glimpse the hand of God at work, especially in our own lives. But if not looked for, that divine hand surely will remain unseen. When we try to see how everything works for our good, we begin to see the signs of divine love gently moving us. The excitement of a new job or the possibilities opened up by losing a job; warm sunshine or cold rain; winning or losing--it's a matter of opening up our eyes to the benefits of everything.

Not always easy, of course. But it certainly doesn't take a saint. It takes practice. We must look at our lives and see beyond the obvious. We must practice looking for the miracle, the sign, the presence of the Spirit.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
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Regular Activities

AACC Youth Group	Friday, 6:30 PM	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Monday, 7:20 PM
Campus Ministry/Newman Club	Tuesday, 12-1PM, Student Center	Legion of Mary	Saturday, 6:00 PM
Liturgy Committee	To Be Announced	Parish Council	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 PM
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino	Last Friday, 7 PM	Prince of Peace	4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM
			Friday, 8:30 PM

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. Jnauary menu items: 1 bag of rice, 1 can of meat, 1 can of mixed fruits, 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



***Congratulations and best wishes to Bishop John Wester!** SF, Jan. 8, 2007—SF Auxiliary Bishop John Wester, 56, has been appointed Bishop of Salt Lake City by Pope Benedict XVI. The announcement was made today in Rome at Vatican City and in Washington, D.C. by Archbishop Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio to the US. **Bishop Wester will become the 9th Bishop of Salt Lake City**, a diocese that encompasses the entire State of Utah, with 48 parishes and approximately 200,000 Catholics.

*Please check out the Thank You note from the Most Reverend Ignatius Wang, for our contribution of \$1,452 to **World Mission Sunday** posted on the bulletin board at the vestibule of our church. To each and everyone: Thank you for your generosity!

***The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** The deadline for making reservations **has been extended to Jan 17**. Call Oasis Travel at: 415-664-8400. We need 20 pilgrims, otherwise the pilgrimage will be canceled.

*Our **Missalette donor list** have been posted. Thanks again to all our donors!



Tomorrow, Monday, is Martin Luther King Day. The parish office will be closed.



***Mark your calendars: WALK FOR LIFE this Saturday, January 20, 2007** starts at 11:00 AM, Justin Herman Plaza, at the Embarcadero and ends at the Marina Green. Join thousands of pro-life women, men, friends and families as we take our message to the streets proclaiming "women deserve better than abortion"! Walk to proclaim that Life is the best choice for women.

***Single Catholic men, 21 years of older:** *Do you think God might be calling you? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest?* You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4 pm on Friday, Jan 26 through 1 pm on Sunday, Jan 28, 2007 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction & following the daily routine of a seminarian. For more info, pls see one of our priests.

*Heads up: All **married couples** in the SF Bay Area are invited toon Saturday, Feb. 10th at 10:00 AM for the annual anniversary Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. **This Mass is to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage**, to renew your vows, and to show your support and encouragement for all married couples. **Pls. go to www.sfcatholic.com/sfm email info@sfcatholic.com.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 14—Jan 20, 2007

01/14 Sun 10:00am Deceased Members of Guiseppe Muzio Family†
8: 0 pm People of STM
01/15 Mon 8:30 am Lynn Miranda†
01/ 6 Tue 5:30 pm Lynn Miranda†
01/17 Wed 8:30 am Aurora Formoso†
01/18 Thu 5:30 pm German Santizo, Sr†
01/19 Fri 8:30 am Delfina Pelayo, Sp. Int.
01/20 Sat 8:30 am Kobti Beloved Departed
5:00 pm Pacifico Pineda, Jr.†
Call the office to schedule your Mass. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish especially Zenaida Salamat, Martha Panaszewicz, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal, Abdallah Bajalieh; for those recently deceased in our parish and all deceased children and victims of abortion.

Your offerings for:
The Weekend of Jan 7:
\$4,301
Tithing offertory: \$918.00

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Today's second collection is for the Home Missions Appeal. Next week's second collection will be for the victims of typhoons in the Philippines. As usual, we count on your generosity. Thank you.

*Your tax deductible letters will be sent out soon. Thank you for your patience.

SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

—Daniel Webster