



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit. — *John 15:16*



In the gospel this weekend we hear Jesus give us the command to love. How can you be *commanded* to love? Surely love has to be a free response, not an obligation. You can be commanded to obey,

but commanded to love?

I believe this command to love is not a command that is laid on us from the outside; it is an inner command, an inner urgency placed in our very being by God – like hunger and thirst; I feed my hunger, I quench my thirst. There is an urgent need within for sustenance. It is like the urgency of an acorn to develop as an oak tree. A grandfather, whose grandson came to him with anger at a schoolmate who had done him an injustice, told him a story. "I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have done wrong with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me; one is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him and does not take offense when no offense was intended." "But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit." The boy looked intently into his grandfather's eye and asked, "Which one wins, grandfather?" The grandfather solemnly said, "The one I feed."

ST. DUNSTAN MEN'S CLUB MAY MEETING

Don't miss our last meeting before the summer break. We will be serving up a magnificent barbeque steak dinner with all the fixings. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Monday, May 18 @ 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Dinner: \$15 per person Please make reservations by contacting Paul Lacampagne @ 589-4009 or lacampagne@aol.com

SAVE BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION FOR ST. DUNSTAN SCHOOL

Please clip Box Tops for Education off General Mills cereal products, Yoplait Yogurt, Pillsbury Products and more, to earn 10 cents per Box Top for St. Dunstan Parish School. The Box Tops may be dropped off at the school office or rectory. These little Box Tops add up quickly. Please support St. Dunstan Parish School in this simple fundraiser.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. DUNSTAN PARISH....

Sunday, May 17
Monday, May 18

ICF Spaghetti Dinner
Men's Club meeting at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center
Baptism Preparation Class at 7:30 pm in the convent

Tuesday, May 19

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass
School Advisory Board meets at 7 pm in the school math room
SVdP meets at 7:30 pm in the convent

Thursday, May 21

Bible Study at 10 am in the Convent
Prayer group meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 23

Retrouvaille meets in the convent

Monday thru Saturday

Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am

Monday thru Friday

Rosary recited in the church at 7:40 am

Need a copy of the Sunday bulletin or of a particular schedule, church and parish information? Please visit the St. Dunstan Parish website at www.saintdunstanchurch.org.

Memorial Day Mass

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco invite you to share Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 25 at 11 am. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma by Archbishop George Niederauer in Holy Cross Mausoleum.

Rev. William Myers, Pastor of St. Raymond Church will celebrate an outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park at 11 am on Memorial Day, May 25th.

Rev. Domingo Orimaco, Pastor of Our Lady of the Pillar Church on Half Moon Bay will celebrate an outdoor Mass at Our Lady of the Pillar Cemetery at 9:30 am on Memorial Day, May 25th.

Rev. Louis Robello will celebrate an outdoor Mass at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in San Rafael at 11 am on Memorial Day, May 25th.

You are all invited to spend time this Memorial Day at your Catholic Cemeteries and join in remembrance and prayer for all who are buried in these sacred grounds. For more information call 650-756-2060.

Health Care Sunday

Today is Health Care Sunday. We are asked to reflect and to join in prayer for those who lack health insurance for themselves and their families, for those who are suffering from skyrocketing costs of getting care and for our country as the nation begins to address reforming our health care system. Our Social Awareness Committee is collaborating with a national faith based organization called PICO, "People Improving Communities through Organization" in calling for affordable health care coverage for all our families. Did you know that...?

20,000 people die unnecessarily each year because they lack health coverage or because their insurance does not cover the care they need.

13 million people are at-risk of losing their health insurance, and millions more worry every day that they will lose the benefits they have, amidst our country's economic crisis

Over 50 million people have health insurance but cannot get the care they need because of high deductibles, co-pays and procedures that their insurance does not cover.

All these people are our brothers and sisters. As Congress and the new President move ahead with comprehensive health care legislation in 2009 we are urging members of Congress from both parties to work together to pass legislation making health care more affordable, accessible and universal. We encourage you to call your member of Congress at 1-866-279-5474 on a weekly basis if possible. Please visit: www.coverallfamilies.org for information.

Help us Connect the World With God's Word!

If Jesus Christ were on earth today how would he spread his message? The Catholic Communications Campaign believes Jesus would use every means available so it makes use of media outlets to evangelize and promote gospel values. You can make a difference in our archdiocese through your donation to today's Second Collection. To learn more about CCC's national communications projects, please visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org. Please give generously in today's Collection.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly meeting in the Convent on **Tuesday, May 19th** at 7:30 PM. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

If any of your loved ones have been hospitalized, we ask that you please call the rectory to let the priests of the parish know so that they are able to visit them. The hospitals do not inform us when one of our parishioners has been admitted, so it is up to their family members to let us know. Thanks for your help!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Those who wish to attend the Baptism Preparation Class should call the rectory well in advance to register. Classes are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30 am and the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the convent, 1111 Magnolia Avenue.



Last weekend's

Regular Collection: \$11,234.00

Last Weekend's Parish Maintenance & Development Fund Collection: 4,903.00

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign

Thank you for all your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. John I
- Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday)
- Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

Many thanks to those who served as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers this weekend:

Sat. May 16

5:00 PM Lector: *L. Clothakis*

Eucharistic Ministers: J Clothakis, J Ryan, B&G Borba, N Holober, F Axiaq

Altar Servers: Solano, Alaraj, Casella, Casella

Sun. May 17

7:00 AM Lector: *H. Connolly*

Eucharistic Ministers: R Flahavan, B Albright, M Wyman

Altar Servers: Sosa, Abello, Cabarse, Chan

8:30 AM Lector: *E. Linak*

Eucharistic Ministers: D&S Capodanno, M Anderegg, S Jajeh, P Lucero, D Lawson

Altar Servers: Totah, Totah, Eckmann, Jajeh

10:00 AM Lector: *F. Sigona*

Eucharistic Ministers: J Sigona, K Burns, A&D Vogl, L Borromeo, P Maloney, T Herbeck

Altar Servers: Uchi-Tabaloc, Burns, Burns, Ching

11:30 AM Lector: *G. O'Neill*

Eucharistic Ministers: T Dizon, B Tiamson, J Roensch, M Rogers, B Santos, C Cannizzaro

Altar Servers: Valdez, Antunez, Celio, Colarusso

5:00 PM Lector: *J. Ledbetter*

Eucharistic Ministers: G Ledbetter, P&M McLaughlin, B Cappel, H Santana, D Sammut

Altar Servers: Wilkom, Bertin, Chavez, Chavez

Special thanks to all of our ushers for their dedicated service at our weekend Masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week***May 17– May 23, 2009***

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Abel Abdalah
	10:00 am	Tony DeGuara
	11:30 am	Salvatore & Anthony Alioto
	5:00 pm	Nora Harty
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Vincenzo Marinaro
	8:00 am	Perry Batac (living)
	5:10 pm	John Palombi
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Camille & Lima Rossi
	8:00 am	Franov & Budesu Family (liv/dec)
	5:10 pm	The Vetter Family
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Colleen Colaruso
	8:00 am	Zoraida Yberra (living)
	5:10 pm	Michael Monteroso
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Enrique Lariosa (living)
	8:00 am	Margarita Torres & Raquel Torres
	5:10pm	Cadone & Ghiazza Family
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Isabelle & Emilio de Leon
	8:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
	5:10 pm	Salvatore Carcione
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Rex Elquiero
	5:00 pm	Doris Spiteri

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them: Madison Kitz, Lisa Kitz, William Dill, Ted & Eileen Damian, Pat Saracini, Bill Barca, Helen & Vicky Noceti, Irene Thommen, Kyong Cruz, Ciera Whipple, Dorothy Rives, Elsie Noceti, Steve Bacho, Mary Farr, Barbara Modica, Karen Shirley, Jose Conrado Vasquez, Lucy Garcia, Frances Snyder, Jack & Rene Sagrafena, Mrs. Larry Duggins, Antoinette Ramos, Joe Hamilton, Pauline & Joseph Burgio, Noralee Gelhaar, Geraldine Feehan, Martin Hidalgo, Norman Roos, Lyle Dibbs, Gloria Giannini, Maxine Coutts, Anna Mae Stewart, Jonathan Cerezo, Nick Cannuli, Kathy Montiel, The Yakaitis Family, Susan Silvera-Dunn, George Rodriguez Jr, Nafal Jweinat, Michael Coffaro, Diedra Bradshaw, Irma Sweeny, Charlene Spediacci, Esther Litton, Jan Diamond, Viola Burdick, Ronald Reyes, Josephine Muscat, Patricia O'Neill, Virginia Ryan Rogers, Michael Wisherop, Helen Maternia, Elsie Clark, Bernice Malloy, Wayne Devora, Beverly Buhs, Rita Gilmore, Marisa Hosea, Judy Marks, Rita Bartolo, Gerda Altherr, Stephen Petinak, Richard Castro, Donald Clancy, Dan Bray, Rene Tiamson, Dondon Pasco, Dotty Mardiloff, Robert Weldon, Joseph Conrad Rodriguez, Raymond Reudy, Mona Pasco, Rick Trecartin, Mike Casella, Fr Bruce Dreier, John Costa, Gene, Rita & Roberta Berry, Sr. Theresa Antoinette, Rachel Sanchez, Sue Furrer, Emily Marshall, Mrs Nancy Starrh, Kathy Perl, Susan Negueloua, Kevin Maloney, Domenica Rossi, Alma Cozzolino **We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:** James Bert Haddock