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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2009

If God so loved us, we also must love one another. — 1 John 4:11



The disciples of Jesus had the wind knocked out of them when the risen Christ ascended into heaven. This was the man in whom they had placed their trust. They had walked, talked, eat with him, argued with him, and laughed with him, found comfort and peace with him. He had changed them completely. This was the man they had come to love.

The Ascension marks the end of Christ's mission on earth and his glorious return to the Father. The Apostles must surely have felt abandoned and very much alone, their ambitions for greatness deflated.

It could have all ended there in that lonely place with the disciples of Jesus looking at the sky. They were sad, afraid, bewildered, lost without a friend to lead and tell them what to do. They could have comforted each other by dwelling on the memories of the past. They could have spent their time aimlessly gazing up at the sky. The disciples could have gone their separate ways and maybe told stories about Jesus. Some of them could have written their memoirs of their life with Jesus and encouraged others to emulate his moral teachings.

As we know the disciples were not called to do these things but were called to be witnesses.

The wind may have been knocked out of them but there was a new wind blowing. They were to do nothing till the Spirit came upon them. This was not the end but the glorious start of a new age for all of creation. The disciples of Jesus were asked to be active not passive, not to stand around idly but to be Christ in the world. The wind had to be let out of their sails so that they could be guided by the wind of the Holy Spirit.

ST. DUNSTAN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – NOW IN ITS 4th SUCCESSFUL YEAR

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one, please join the St. Dunstan Grief Support Group for ongoing sessions to help process your grief and loss issues. For more information please call Barbara Cappel, L.C.S.W. at 692-7543 or Carol Hensley at 692-1488.

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....

Monday, May 25	Memorial Day; school and rectory closed. NO 5:10 PM MASS TODAY
Tuesday, May 26	Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass
Thursday, May 28	Bible Study at 10 am in the Convent Prayer group meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 30	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.

Monday May 25th is Memorial Day. The school and rectory will be closed. Please be advised that there will not be a 5:10 pm Mass on Memorial Day. As we turn our thoughts toward Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and we pray for the men and women who currently stand in the gap for our protection:



VISIT YOUTH IN JAIL

San Francisco, San Leandro, San Mateo, San Bruno (adults)

Attend 3 day training sessions and be part of our ministry Saturday, May 30, June 6, & 13
8am until 5pm

3371 16th Street, San Francisco

Requirements:

- Registration is required
 - Must be 18 years old
 - Visit youth and adults once a week
 - Be bi-lingual in English and Spanish
 - Attend monthly meetings
 - 1 year service to discern if this ministry is your call
 - Mentor youth released from jail, in probation or parole
- Register today! Call Julio Escobar at 415-244-5594 or email info@comunidadesandimas.org

Comunidad San Dimas is a Christian Catholic Restorative Justice & ecumenical volunteer service, approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Office of Public Policy and Social Concerns, and juvenile justice detention facilities of San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, San Bruno.

Next weekend, May 30 & 31, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be stationed at the doors of the church after each Mass, taking up their 5th Sunday Collection. Please give generously. Your donations will help those in need in our parish area.

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

Is there a senior in your life whose safety and care need monitoring? Licensed therapists, social workers, registered nurses and gerontologists work together to help elders stay at home by providing a range of care solutions, counseling and home care services. Sliding scale fees. Call 650-592-9325 for more information.
-Catholic Charities CYO

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!

Parishioners, as a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phones during all Masses. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Last weekend's
Regular Collection: \$19,523.00

Last weekend's Catholic Communication Campaign
Collection: \$2,170.00

Thank you for all your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
- Thursday: Orthodox Ascension; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
- Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost

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

Sat. May 23

5:00 PM Lector: *J Ryan*

Eucharistic Ministers: E Danli, R Attard, R&C Fry, N Holober, C Orfino

Altar Servers: Daley, Capitolo, Jones, Jones

Sun. May 24

7:00 AM Lector: *B. Penner*

Eucharistic Ministers: S Bosso, B Rogers, M Hutchings

Altar Servers: DeGuzman, Jackson, Mendoza, McLaughlin

8:30 AM Lector: *D. Capodanno*

Eucharistic Ministers: S Capodanno, M Leland, L Bates, R Pezo, M Ocafrain, J Lilles

Altar Servers: Doyle, Hain, Hain, Panopio

10:00 AM Lector: *G. Yip*

Eucharistic Ministers R Garrison, N Reyes, K whitfield, P Maloney, M&L Kelly, T Herbeck

Altar Servers: Yip, Whitfield, Whitfield, Garrison

11:30 AM Lector: *T. Dizon*

Eucharistic Ministers: C Caimotto, B Santos, J Rensch, B Tiamson, R Barrera, T Restrivera

Altar Servers: Barrera, Restrivera, Jones, Jones

5:00 PM Lector: *P McLaughlin*

Eucharistic Ministers: M McLaughlin, F Gutierrez, K Phelps, H Santana, S Pallari, B Cappel

Altar Servers: Ghanaim, Jose, Miller, Fusaro

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

Mass Intentions for the Week**May 24– May 30, 2009**

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Anita & Guiseppe Pasquinelli
	10:00 am	Gene Franz & Family (liv/dec)
	11:30 am	Bertu “Bart” Chetcuti
	5:00 pm	Eva Caprini
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Ruth & Lou Fuller
	8:00 am	Lois Parsell Linak
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	William O’Neill
	8:00 am	Tim Herbeck
	5:10 pm	Sam Palombi
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	The Gulli Family (liv/dec)
	8:00 am	John Somers
	5:10 pm	The Soukup Family
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Sylvia Vaz
	8:00 am	Joseph Spiteri
	5:10pm	Sr. Eleanor, OP
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Estela C. Teotico
	8:00 am	Tito Caputo
	5:10 pm	Joseph Falcao
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Tony Lorenzo
	5:00 pm	Phillip Marchionna

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 Mandiloff, 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 & Erika Kiel **We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:**