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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2009

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12



There is something very moving about this gospel passage of Jesus sending out twelve ordinary men. They are unsophisticated, had lived a simple life and are now asked to participate in bringing the message of God's word to others. They had followed Jesus and listened to his teaching, which they themselves did not fully understand. They were told not to worry about their physical needs and not to be upset if their message was not welcome at every door. The gospel tells us they were successful. Their success was in no small measure because Jesus was with them.

The sending out of the twelve apostles was but the beginning of the church's mission to the world. Down the centuries, ordinary people have been called and responded to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If the Word of God is to reach all people then everyone who hears it must make it known. The Good News is not to be guarded jealously, but to be handed on to others.

The spreading of the Good News is too important to be left in the hands of a few "professionals". Christ never intended that a select few would carry his message to others. Baptism makes us all responsible for the spread of the Gospel.

We as Church and as individual missionaries leave the liturgy, leave our prayer, leave our securities and live the Good News. We try and keep on living the message and that is our success. We called to reach out, comfort, challenge and touch the needs of others and just sometimes, our offerings will be accepted. The early disciples had to trust his word; we later disciples are doing the same. Is there somebody you know who is searching for the Lord? Why not invite them to come and see; there is always room for one more!

PRAYER-DISCUSSION GROUP Would you like to try a faith-sharing group that includes a blend of praise, song, scripture, petitions, talk, etc.? This group meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 pm .at Marymount Green Hills Retirement Center. Call Fran or Joe Sigona at 692-2466.

On July 18th, from 3:00-4:30 PM, Peninsula Interfaith Action (PIA) invites all parishioners to join them in Redwood City at a community meeting about healthcare and immigration. Celebrate the progress that Congress and the Legislature are making now and express our resolve to work until the solutions are completed: First United Methodist Church, 2915 Broadway, Redwood City. Free childcare provided! Contact Dan Capodanno (650/588-0324) for further information or for transportation.

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

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| Tuesday, July 14 | Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass |
| Thursday, July 16 | Bible Study at 10 am in the Convent
Prayer group meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, July 18 | 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 |

Are you interested in learning more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church? Are you baptized but never received First Communion? Never were Confirmed? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, our RCIA process can be of help to you. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation Adults. It is a process designed to meet the needs of adults who are considering joining the Church or who wish to receive the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). For more information regarding our Inquiry Sessions, call the rectory at 697-4730. **Classes begin in September at the rectory.**

Spiritual Adoption Program

Next month St. Dunstan will begin a spiritual adoption program for unborn babies in danger of abortion. For the next nine months you are invited to pray for troubled pregnant women and teenagers so that they will choose life for their unborn child.

Poster in the vestibule of the church will track the growth of your adopted baby in its mother's womb. Each month a new poster will describe and illustrate your spiritually adopted child's growth, its size, weight, developing human body and its activities in the womb.

At the end of nine months. St. Dunstan parishioners will be invited to participate in a bay shower hosted by the St. Dunstan TERESA Committee for needy newborns. Donated clothing will be used to meet the needs of precious new babies.

Flyers, including prayer for the unborn baby are in the vestibule of the church.

KEEPING CATHOLIC PRIORITIES ON THE TABLE

Reform must account for poor and vulnerable, Catholic Health Care leader says.

As they work with lawmakers this summer to help craft health care reform legislation, Catholic health ministry leaders say they will push for measures that will sustain principles of human dignity and social justice, and extend coverage to the nation's poor and vulnerable.

"It's going to be a work in progress," said Charity Sr. Carol Keehan, president and CEO of Catholic Health Association. The current health care delivery system "leaves a lot of people out" Says Sr. Carol. "We're open to everyone's ideas, and we will judge our support and lack of support on the basis of whether or not they meet our principles".

The Catholic health care ministry's proposed vision for health care seeks to remedy "the injustice of millions lacking access" by making medical care available to everyone while distributing its cost among all stakeholders and promoting a patient-centered approach focused on preventive measures and a streamlined information technology system. Catholic health care is the nation's largest group of nonprofit systems, sponsors and facilities and includes 60 Catholic health care systems that, on average, admit one in six patients nationwide each year.

Sr. Carol says, "Not everyone is covered but everyone gets sick" which is the main reason why health care costs are going up. "We're not saying yes or no to a public plan but looking for a way to give people efficient, quality care that preserves their dignity". "We would like to see everyone covered" she said "as a point of human dignity" but there does not seem to be enough support from lawmakers.

But she stressed that health care systems communities and individuals share in the responsibility to bring about reform. Catholic social teaching stresses individual's responsibility to be good citizens, and working toward meaningful change.

Illegal immigrants are currently ineligible for Medicaid and legal immigrants have to wait five years before they are eligible for benefits. Sr. Carol said Congress and the White House have made it fairly clear that the first round of legislation will not include coverage for undocumented immigrants, but the Catholic Health Association "will continue to speak for them - we will continue to advocate for them"

St. Dunstan Youth Group is looking for choir members! If you are interested in singing with other high school students at the Youth Mass, the first Sunday of each month, please contact Aly Garcia @ 692-4872 or stdunstanyouth@att.net. **All Confirmed Catholic high school students** are invited to join our Youth leadership team. Meet new people, have fun, and gain leadership skills. Contact Aly Garcia.

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!



Last weekend's
Regular Collection:
\$6,822.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection will be for the
Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

Thank you for all your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis;
Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sat. July 11

5:00 PM Lector: L Clothakis

Eucharistic Ministers: J Clothakis, R&C Fry, C Orfino

Altar Servers: Bertin, Chavez, Chavez, Fakatene

Sun. July 12

7:00 AM Lector: H. Connolly

Eucharistic Ministers: B Penner, M Wyman, S Bosso

Altar Servers: Peralta, Alvarado, Cabarse, Robles

8:30 AM Lector: D Capodanno

Eucharistic Ministers: S Capodanno, M Anderegg, D Lawson, M Ocafrain

Altar Servers: Abello, Casco, Chan, Doyle

10:00 AM Lector: F Sigona

Eucharistic Ministers J Sigona, N Reyes, L Borromeo, K Burns

Altar Servers: Goins, Gracia, Burns, Burns

11:30 AM Lector: G. O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers: B&C Martin, B Tiamson, B Santos

Altar Servers: Jose, Pidlaoan, Jones, Ching

5:00 PM Lector: P. McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers: M McLaughlin, F Gutierrez, H Santana, K Phelps

Altar Servers: Ronquillo, Rossi, Rossi, Salameh

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

Mass Intentions for the Week**July 12 - July 18, 2009**

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Anita & Giuseppe Pasquinelli
	10:00 am	Gene Franz & Family (liv/dec)
	11:30 am	Bertu "Bart" Chetcuti
	5:00 pm	William Schlimmer
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Fred Dehlinger
	8:00 am	Kenneth Koch
	5:10 pm	Regino Bantolino
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Jose Calavera
	8:00 am	Paul Priolo
	5:10 pm	Ruth & Rudy Castagno
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Bernard Giuliano
	8:00 am	Joseph Ransom
	5:10 pm	Sam Callejo
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Valia Valentino
	8:00 am	Emilio Lucido
	5:10pm	Michael Monteroso
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Millie Wilson
	8:00 am	Scalice Family
	5:10 pm	Monica Agius
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Antonia Caputo
	5:00 pm	Crystal Agius

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, 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, 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, Arceli Perez, Erika Kiel, Christopher Beloy, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana & Michael Murray **We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:** Eugene Berry & Raymond Campion