



# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2009

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David — *Jeremiah 23:5a*



In our hectic modern world, it's easy to be lonely, but it's very difficult to be alone. There are too many distractions.

Some we can't help: a crowded household, a busy neighborhood, or a bustling workplace. Other distractions are of our own doing: TVs, radios, the Internet, cell phones, video games, text messaging, etc. The background music of our lives has become one big tidal wave of electronic noise. It makes it almost impossible to hear God as He tries to speak to us.

To be able to sit quietly without distraction of sound or sight, to go to that inner place within us that does not seek external stimulation is a formidable task. We need to meet ourselves so as to know ourselves. It takes courage to discard external diversions and distractions. However if we don't have quiet time to look at ourselves, how will we find time for Christ? Silence can be frightening.

The gospel speaks of the importance of finding a quiet place in our lives where we can be alone with God in prayer. Like Jesus we need to get away from the constant cacophony of sounds that we are exposed to each waking moment of our day. We need to listen to the life-giving Word of God to refresh and heal us. If we don't make space for God in our lives, we are missing a piece (peace) of the fullness of life. Alone in his presence we might ask ourselves where we are going and what we are trying to achieve. In the quietness of His presence we might be surprised at the answer.

Jesus is our example. If He needed to go somewhere quiet and be alone in order for His prayers to be effective, so do we. It's not easy!

## 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 baby 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.

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

<b>Tuesday, July 21</b>	<b>Novena</b> in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass <b>SVdP</b> meets in the convent at 7:30 pm
<b>Thursday, July 23</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> at 10 am in the Convent <b>Prayer group</b> meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
<b>Saturday, July 25</b>	<b>Retrouvaille</b> meets in the convent
<b>Monday thru Saturday</b>	Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am
<b>Monday thru Friday</b>	Rosary recited in the church at 7:40 am

### **From the Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry**

*We are looking for volunteers to join our team in the rewarding ministry of working with the children in our parish. If you have been thinking of becoming more involved in a church ministry--please consider volunteering in our Religious Education Program. We have needs for catechists, classroom aides and office support. Our classes are held on Tuesday afternoon's from 3:45-5:00 p.m. and will begin in September. Training is available for all individuals wishing to teach as well as materials that explain the textbooks and lesson plans. The St. Dunstan School of Religious Education is an important part of the St. Dunstan Parish community. We are dedicated in providing our students with a desire to share in the adventure of faith, learning, liturgy and life. Our programs provide faith formation for children to grow in love, knowledge, appreciation and desire to become active members of the Catholic Church. It is our hope that you will give consideration to the idea of becoming one of our volunteers and share with us your time, talent and your prayers. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education--Sheree Leone at (650) 697-7451 or stdunstanccd@att.net.*

*CCD Registration Packages for the 2009-2010 school year are available. To request a package, please call the Office of Religious Education at (650) 697-7451 or visit our website at [saintdunstanchurch.org](http://saintdunstanchurch.org) and click on the Religious Education (CCD) link to download registration materials and information about our program.*

“CARITAS IN VERITATE”

Pope Benedict XVI’s new social encyclical, *Charity in Truth*, was released at the Vatican on July 7. Here are some of his reflections on the present economic crisis.

In addressing the global economic crisis and the enduring poverty of the world’s poorest countries, he said “the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity”

The global dimension of the financial crisis is an expression of the moral failure of greedy financiers and investors, of the lack of oversight by national governments and of an understanding that the global economy required internationally recognized global control.

“In the face of the unrelenting growth of global interdependence, there is a strongly felt need, even in the midst of a global recession, for a reform of the United Nations organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth.”

“To manage the global economy; to revive economies hit by the crisis; to bring about integral and timely disarmament, food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of the environment and to regulate migration: for all this there is urgent need for a true world political authority.

Pope Benedict insisted that the idea of the world’s richest nations scaling back development aid while focusing on their own economic recovery overlooked the long-term economic benefits of solidarity and not simply the human and Christian moral obligation to help the poor.

The Pope said that ‘ more economically developed nations should do all they can to allocate larger portions of their gross domestic product to development aid’.

Pope Benedict said food and water are the “universal rights of all human beings without distinction and discrimination” and are part of the basic right to life.

He emphasized church teaching that making money and being wealthy are not sins, but that the way the money is made and the way it is used can be.

The encyclical condemned corruption, the exploitation of workers, the destruction of the environment, the continuing practice of wealthy nations imposing such high tariffs on imports that they shut poor countries out of the international marketplace and, especially, an “excessive zeal” for enforcing patents, especially on medications that could save the lives of thousands of poor people if they were available at a reasonable cost.

He called for a “profoundly new way of understanding business” which recognizes that investors are not a company’s only stakeholders, no matter how the business is structured and financed. Employees, those who produce the raw materials, people who live in the communities where the company is based, where its products are sold all have a stake in the business, the Pope said.

(A future bulletin will present the encyclical’s reflections on other Pro-Life issues)

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** will hold its monthly meeting in the Convent on **Tuesday, July 21st** at 7:30 PM. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



**Last weekend’s**  
Regular Collection:  
\$7,831.00

This Weekend’s Second Collection is for the Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

**Thank you for all your support!**

Next weekend, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at St. Dunstan’s for their annual appeal. We welcome them back and ask you to give generously.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Apollinaris
- Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
- Thursday: St. Bridget of Sweden
- Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlof
- Saturday: St. James

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

**Sat. July 18**

**5:00 PM Lector:** *J Ryan*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B&G Borba, E Danli, F Axiaq

**Altar Servers:** Salem, Salem, Salinda

**Sun. July 19**

**7:00 AM Lector:** *B Penner*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R Flahavan, B Rogers, M Hutchings

**Altar Servers:** Panopio, Janiczek, Plume

**8:30 AM Lector:** *D Capodanno*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S Capodanno, J Lilles, L Bates, D Magsaysay

**Altar Servers:** Lum, DeGuzman, Quilici

**10:00 AM Lector:** *J Sigona*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** F Sigona, M&L Kelly, K Whitfield

**Altar Servers:** Salameh, Pramono, Whitfield

**11:30 AM Lector:** *L Opalenik*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C Cannizzaro, M Rogers, J Rensch, T Dizon

**Altar Servers:** Totah, Sison, Hain

**5:00 PM Lector:** *P. McLaughlin*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M McLaughlin, B Cappel, H Santana, F Gutierrez

**Altar Servers:** Antunez, Ronquillo, Solano

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week***July 19 - July 25, 2009*

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Anita & Giuseppe Pasquinelli
	10:00 am	William Strambi
	11:30 am	Salvatore & Anthony Alioto
	5:00 pm	Larry Bianchi
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Estela C. Teotico
	8:00 am	Frank Agius
	5:10 pm	Guillermo Aviles & Jose Salmeron
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Eufemia Revadavia
	8:00 am	Franov & Budesca Family (liv/dec)
	5:10 pm	Geraldine Newcomb
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Richard Voggel
	8:00 am	Anna & Joseph Oberti
	5:10 pm	Pauline Spiteri
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Deceased friends & relatives of Al Jacinto
	8:00 am	Feliciano Abello, Sr
	5:10pm	Bridie McAndrew
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Frances Synder (living)
	8:00 am	Gerry Haran
	5:10 pm	Lorenzo & Albertina Pieroni
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Tom Kraskiewicz
	5:00 pm	Baptiste Etchepare & Ituraria Fam.

**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, Lyle Dibbs, Gloria Giannini, Maxine Coutts, Anna Mae Stewart, Jonathan Cerezo, Nick Cannuli, Kathy Montiel, 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, Bernice Malloy, Wayne Devora, Beverly Buhs, Rita Gilmore, Judy Marks, Rita Bartolo, Gerda Altherr, Stephen Petinak, Richard Castro, Donald Clancy, 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, Areceli Perez, Erika Kiel, Christopher Beloy, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana, Michael Murray & Jack Ward **We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:**