



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2009

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15



St. John wrote his Gospel about sixty years after the death and resurrection of Christ. The church was a fragile community suffering persecution but continually being formed and strengthened by the presence

of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. In this story we hear of the miracle of the loaves and fishes; how Jesus during his lifetime fed the hungry crowd.

The earliest community came together to do what the Lord had asked them to do on the night before he died. From the initial twelve who were with the Lord on that historic night, it has grown to a "vast crowd". This story was not lost on the infant community.

St. John tells us that the Jewish Passover was near. He is placing this miracle (sign) in the context of the Passover. He is indicating the meaning of the Eucharist as our Christian Passover. Christ, the risen Lord, has passed over from death to life: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

Jesus took the loaves of bread and gave thanks – the word "Eucharist" means to give thanks.

Did you ever wonder about the fish? We don't use fish when we celebrate the Eucharist. The fish is an ancient and current Christian symbol. You might even have seen it on the back of cars. The initial letters in Greek for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" form an acronym, which spells out the Greek word for fish: "ICHTHUS". For people alert to the meaning of symbols any mention of fish makes them remember Jesus who died for us. The Eucharist is a living memorial of that sacrifice.

Bread and fish were used to feed the multitude; we are fed with the body and blood of Christ. With joyous hearts we give thanks to God for calling us to such a banquet.

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....

Tuesday, July 28	Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass
Thursday, July 30	Bible Study at 10 am in the Convent Prayer group meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 1	Retrouvaille meets in the convent First Saturday holy hour at 7 am in the church
Monday thru Saturday	Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am
Monday thru Friday	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 and click on the Religious Education (CCD) link to download registration materials and information about our program.

“All creatures of earth are looking to us for their destiny. Among these are our children and grandchildren, who depend on our decisions for the sustenance and flourishing of the life-systems of our planet”. Fr. Thomas Berry, writer and lecturer on cosmology and ecology. November 1914—June 2009

**ST. DUNSTAN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
– NOW IN ITS 6th 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.

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.

Saturday, August 1st is the First Saturday of the month. There will be a Holy Hour in the church from 7 to 8 AM followed by Mass at 8 AM.

The St. Dunstan Social Awareness Committee would like to thank all those who have participated and supported our efforts to identify Millbrae community issues and to search for solutions. We were able to identify several significant adult issues, among which were: 1) transportation for seniors; 2) financial burdens and housing costs; 3) lack of ethnic interaction and understanding; 4) lighting in the parish parking lot. On the youth side, we found a desire for a Teen Center and a lack of faith-community participation. On both levels, there was a concern about traffic safety and criminal activity. As we all work together, we hope to address each of these issues through the best method available. If you have submitted a form, you will be contacted. If you have been interviewed, we will contact you with the results of our investigation. Please continue to make your concerns known, and please pray for our endeavors.

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.**



**Last weekend's
Regular Collection:**
\$6,550.00

Last Weekend's Parish Maintenance & Development
Fund Collection: \$4,767.00

Thank you for all your support!

This 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: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Martha
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

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

Sat. July 25

5:00 PM Lector: L. Clothakis

Eucharistic Ministers: J Clothakis, J Ryan, R attard, N Holober

Altar Servers: Casco, Casco, Bertin

Sun. July 26

7:00 AM Lector: R. Flahavan

Eucharistic Ministers: B Penner, M Wyman, S Bosso
Altar Servers: Fakatene, Ching, Chan

8:30 AM Lector: E. Linak

Eucharistic Ministers: M Leland, R Pezo, P Lucero, S Jajeh

Altar Servers: Abello, Cabarse, Linak

10:00 AM Lector: M. Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers L Kelly, R Garrison, G Maldonado, N Reyes

Altar Servers: Uchi-Tabaloc, Doyle, Robles

11:30 AM Lector: P. Hain

Eucharistic Ministers: C Caimotto, M Rogers, R Barrera, B Tiamson

Altar Servers: Valdez, Celio, Goins

5:00 PM Lector: P. McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers: M McLaughlin, B Cappel, K Phelps

Altar Servers: Gracia, Chavez, Chavez

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

Mass Intentions for the Week*July 26 - August 1, 2009*

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Sue Hoying
	10:00 am	Tim Herbeck & Louis Marini
	11:30 am	Laura Fletcher
	5:00 pm	Anna Manzone
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Jeanette Marchionna (living)
	8:00 am	Santos Enos Beloy
	5:10 pm	Andy Raffanti
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Vitsi Tanjuakio (living)
	8:00 am	Norman Schlimmer
	5:10 pm	Alma Gogan
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Giuseppe V. Pasquinelli
	8:00 am	Tito Caputo
	5:10 pm	Arnaud Uhalde
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Giuseppe V. Pasquinelli
	8:00 am	Gulli Family (liv/dec)
	5:10pm	Antonia Caputo
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Celso Arcenal
	8:00 am	Fe Tan
	5:10 pm	G. Maas
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Herminio Florendo
	5:00 pm	Pastora Ramirez

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:**