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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2009

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.

— John 6:27a



I like the story of the elderly man who would sit in his local church on a weekday morning and read the newspaper. No doubt he used to pray a bit, but he also used to have a long leisurely look at the newspaper. One morning the priest found him there and protested about the newspaper. "It's ok, Father," said the man, "I was only reading the obituaries." That stopped the priest in his tracks; he retreated. You could browse death in church, but not life.

In this week's first reading, from the book of Exodus, we read about the Israelites, who recently had been set free from slavery in Egypt. God had delivered them miraculously, and now they were enjoying the blessed fruits of freedom, following their leader Moses on the journey to the Promised Land. You would think that they would be excited and joyful about this awesome situation, right? Wrong!

Instead of being joyful, the Israelites grumbled against Moses and—you'll never believe this—they actually longed for the days when they were slaves. Even though they had been nothing but pieces of property back in Egypt, beaten and abused and regularly worked to death by their cruel taskmasters, they wished they were back in those "good old days" rather than being free.

They looked backwards, and longed for death; "Would that we had died"

Jesus always calls us into life; He never wants us to hunger after the past, but to journey with him into Life. We are called to leave the past that is enslaving, life destroying and false, ("put away the old self and your former way of life"). Jesus is the bread of life; our promise, our Way our Truth and our Life, he is not among the dead, he is risen.

Friday, August 7 is the First Friday of the month. There will be a Holy Hour from 4 to 5 PM in the church followed by Mass at 5:10 PM.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM TINY EMBRYO'S HEART BEGINS TO BEAT

Conception takes place when a sperm joins with an ovum to form one cell. The cell contains the genetic makeup for every detail about the new human -- it's sex, hair color, height, skin tone, etc. More than 500 cells will be present when the tiny embryo reaches the womb 7 to 10 days after fertilization. By day 21 his heart will begin to beat. Muscles are forming and arms, legs & eyes will begin to show. Please pray for the safety of your spiritually adopted unborn child. May his/her mother choose life (not abortion) for the new human being developing in her womb.

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

- Tuesday, August 4** Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass
- Thursday, August 6** **Bible Study** at 10 am in the Convent
Prayer group meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
- Friday, August 7** **First Friday** holy hour in the church at 4 pm
- Saturday, August 8** **Social Awareness Committee** meets in the convent at 9:30 am
- 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.

ENCYCLICAL ON PRO_LIFE ISSUES

A previous bulletin carried some excerpts from Pope Benedict's encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" (Charity in Truth) about the global economic crisis. The following are some of the Popes statements about pro-life issues

-Being pro-life means being pro-development, especially given the connection between poverty and infant mortality, and the only way to promote true development of people is to promote a culture in which every human life is welcomed and valued.

-Development programs and offers of aid that encourage coercive population-control methods and the promotion of abortion do not have the good of people at heart and limit the recipient's motivation to become actors in their own development and progress.

-If society does not respect human life from its conception to its natural end, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology.

-The environment is God's gift to everyone and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and toward humanity as a whole

-The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself and vice versa. This invites contemporary society to a serious review of its lifestyle, which in many parts of the world is prone to hedonism and consumerism, regardless of their harmful consequences.

-Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person. It would be wrong to uphold one while trampling on the other. The environment, life, sexuality, marriage and social relations are inextricably united.

-An anti-life mentality in the world's richest countries is related to the lack of concern for the poor. "While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human" he said.

-To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is a good of "all of us", made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society.

Read the full text of the papal encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" at www.vatican.va and find related information at www.catholic-sf.org and www.usccb.org.

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:
\$6,976.00

Thank you for all your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. John Mary Vianney
- Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
- Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday: St. Sixtus II and his companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Dominic

Next weekend, Fr. Benedict Antony will be here at St. Dunstan for a Mission Appeal to benefit the Diocese of Ooctacumund in India. Your support is appreciated by those in need.

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

Sat. August 1

5:00 PM Lector: J. Ryan
Eucharistic Ministers: J & L Clothakis, B&G Borba
Altar Servers: Jones, Jose, Janiczek

Sun. August 2

7:00 AM Lector: P. Livingston
Eucharistic Ministers: B Rogers, B Albright, R Flahavan
Altar Servers: Plume, Jackson, Lum
8:30 AM Lector: E. Antonio
Eucharistic Ministers: M Anderegg, D Magsaysay, D Lawson, J Lilles
Altar Servers: Pidlaoan, Rossi, Rossi
10:00 AM Lector: J. Sigona
Eucharistic Ministers F Sigona, A&D Vogl, G Maldonado
Altar Servers: Panopio, Salameh, Sison
11:30 AM Lector: J. Roensch
Eucharistic Ministers: C CAimotto, B Santos, T Dizon, C Cannizzaro
Altar Servers: Peralta, Alvarado, Ronquillo
5:00 PM Lector: S. Santana
Eucharistic Ministers: K Babasa, P Borromeo, H Santana, F Gutierrez
Altar Servers: Totah, Salem, Salem

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

Mass Intentions for the Week*August 2 - August 8, 2009*

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Wilma Bruni (living)
	8:00 am	Lilliana Grenno
	5:10 pm	The Weigant Family
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Ann O'Brien
	8:00 am	Vincenzo Marinaro
	5:10 pm	Leonie Ibanez
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Maria Lopez & Tere Villanueva
	8:00 am	Fe Tan
	5:10 pm	James Haddock
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Tom Dillon
	8:00 am	Laura Fletcher
	5:10pm	Joseph & Albina Caimotto
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Victor C. Drago
	8:00 am	Monica Agius
	5:10 pm	Rosellini Opalenik Family
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Tony Piazza
	5:00 pm	Tony Santora

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, Arceli Perez, Erika Kiel, Christopher Beloy, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana, Michael Murray & Jack Ward **We pray for**

the deceased members of our parish family:

Lena Stefani, Giovanni Rossi & Marion Russell