



# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 16, 2009

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you — *John 6:53*



This is the last weekend I'll be writing a few words in the bulletin as your pastor. Fr. Casey has arrived and I have begun the process of handing over the responsibilities of the parish to him. He is now the pastor of St.

Dunstan Parish. I ask that you give him the same encouragement and support that you have always shown me.

I want say a word of thanks to all who have helped me in my position as pastor. Thank you all for your gift of faith to me and for allowing me to be your pastor. I thank you for not giving up, and for the frustrations and annoyances I ask for your forgiveness.

You come to Mass on weekdays and Sunday after Sunday, in spite of weariness, other attractions, and juggling of schedules. I never took anyone's attendance at Mass for granted, and when you were not there (in your usual seat) I missed you!

Many of you have shared your inmost thoughts and concerns with me; you will always be in my heart and in my prayers. I thank you for allowing me into you lives at the most joyful and sometimes the saddest times of your lives.

I pray that the young people of our parish never lose faith in Jesus. I ask those who have born the heat of the day to hold fast to the faith. We never know what the future holds, but with Jesus we are confident. With Jesus we can be refreshed. With Jesus we can triumph. In an instant Jesus can lift any burden - and replace it with wonder and joy. May God continue to bless you. For all your love, faith and support, I say, "Thank you."

p.s. I'm not leaving St Dunstan parish, I like you too much, to do that, I'll be around!

**The annual St. Dunstan Men's Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 18-20, 2009**, at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. This year's retreat is entitled "Echoes of Vatican II" and will be directed by Fr. Joseph Fice, S.J. The cost is \$225 per person. For more information, contact Dan Capodanno at 650/588-0324 .

### 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....

<b>Monday, August 17</b>	<b>Baptism Preparation Class</b> at 7:30 pm in the convent
<b>Tuesday, August 18</b>	<b>Novena</b> in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, <b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b> after the 8 am Mass <b>School Advisory Board</b> meets at 7 pm in the math room <b>SVdP</b> meets in the convent at 7:30 pm
<b>Thursday, August 20</b>	<b>No Bible Study</b> this week <b>Prayer group</b> meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
<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.*

**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.

**TV FOCUS ON CHURCHES OF ROME, MEDIA**

Special programs on EWTN include “Pilgrim Churches of Rome” an engaging tour of seven historic churches frequented by pilgrims for centuries. It airs August 23 at 7 pm & August 25 at 11 am (1hr).

Also, media veteran Teresa Tomeo will host “Noise” a five part series about the media from a Catholic perspective. The series airs August 24-28 on Comcast Ch 229, AT&T Ch 652, Astound Ch 80, San Bruno Cable Ch 143, DISH Satellite Ch 261 and Direct TV Ch 370.

September is recruitment month for the St. Mary’s Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls. The choir is free of charge and open to boys or girls in grades 3 through 8. Prior experience is not necessary. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the Cathedral, where the choir also sings about twice a month for Masses and various special events.

For more information or to set up an audition, please call Dr. Christoph Tietze at 415-567-2020 ext. 213 or send an email to [tietze@stmarycathedralsf.org](mailto:tietze@stmarycathedralsf.org).

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** Those who wish to attend the Baptism Preparation Class should call the rectory well in advance to register. Classes are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30 am and the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the convent, 1111 Magnolia Avenue.

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!

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** will hold its monthly meeting in the Convent on **Tuesday, August 18th** at 7:30 PM. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

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:  
\$6,031.00

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

**Thank you for all your support!**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. John Eudes  
Thursday: St. Bernard  
Friday: St. Pius X  
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week

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](http://www.saintdunstanchurch.org).

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

**Sat. August 15**

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Goins, Gracia, Plume

**Sun. August 16**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R Flahavan, S Bosso, B Rogers

**Altar Servers:** Chavez, Chavez, Jackson

**8:30 AM Lector:** *E. Antonio*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M Ocafrain, J Lilles, P Lucero, R Pezo

**Altar Servers:** Bertin, Jones, Jose

**10:00 AM Lector:** *F. Sigona*

**Eucharistic Ministers** J Sigona, N reyes, L Borromeo, P Maloney

**Altar Servers:** Pidlaoan, Pramono, Ronquillo

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C Cannizzaro, B Santos, T Dizon, C Caimotto

**Altar Servers:** Totah, Antunez, Sison

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Slameh, Lum, Robles

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week***August 16 - August 22, 2009*

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Anita & Giuseppe Pasquinelli
	10:00 am	The Marchionna Family (liv/dec)
	11:30 am	Salvatore & Anthony Alioto
	5:00 pm	Valia Valentino
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Fred Dehlinger
	8:00 am	Antonia Caputo
	5:10 pm	Robert Venturini
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Doyle Bufhong
	8:00 am	Rev. Joseph Grech & Maria Grech
	5:10 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Mnsgr. Giuseppe Pellegrini
	8:00 am	Vincenzo Marinaro
	5:10 pm	Victoria Caimotto
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Fr. Bruce Dreier
	8:00 am	Martha Libby
	5:10pm	David Powelson
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	The Loveseth Family (liv/dec)
	8:00 am	Ernesto & Severa Smith
	5:10 pm	The Weigant Family
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Florentino & Remedios Borlat
	5:00 pm	Frangisk & Giuseppa Camilleri

**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, Kyong Cruz, Ciera Whipple, Dorothy Rives, Elsie Noceti, Steve Bacho, Mary Farr, Karen Shirley, Jose Conrado Vasquez, Lucy Garcia, Frances Snyder, Jack & Rene Sagrafena, Mrs. Larry Duggins, Antoinette Ramos, Joe Hamilton, Pauline & Joseph Burgio, Noralee Gelhaar, Martin Hidalgo, 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, 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, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana, Michael Murray, & Jack Ward

**We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:** Irene Thommen, Constance Stefani & Fr. Bruce Dreier