



Welcome the Word

# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 30, 2009

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. — James 1:21b



Dear Parishioners,

As I said last week I was a missionary in Kenya East Africa. Kenya became an independent country in 1963. Jomo Kenyatta was the first President. He was a very popular leader. While he scapegoated the British colonial government he built on what they had started. Unlike Idi Amin in Uganda he did not expel the Asians who were the shop keepers of the country. He did not expel the White farmers who were developing the agricultural potential of the country. He encouraged tourism. The underlying problem was tribalism. If you were a Kikuyu politician (as Kenyatta was) you had to give Kikuyus the bigger slice of the cake. They came to dominate the middle class of the country and were resented by the other tribes – the Kambas and the Luos.

My second appointment in Kenya was to Ramisi forty miles south of Mombasa. The majority of population along the Coast were Muslim. The small Catholic population was composed of Goans (descendants of Indians who had been brought in from India to build the railway from Mombasa to Nairobi and Kampala), Kikuyu's. Kambas and Luos – all immigrants. They were very supportive of the church and its mission. One of the favorites mantras of Kenyatta was 'harambee' which means 'pull together'. You would have fund raising meetings ('harambee' meetings) to build schools, medical centers, churches.

In the early years, (before Vatican II) there was great competition between Catholics, Anglicans, Methodists, Pentecostal churches and Muslim mosques. One of my most enjoyable ecumenical escapades was to start a Credit Union as a joint venture of the Catholic, Methodist and Anglican churches. We saved a little money. Got some seed money from charitable organizations in Germany. We helped small shop keepers to open up for business. We worked on the principle 'it is better to teach people to fish, rather than to give them fish'. One of the first to take out a loan was the Anglican minister. He wanted to buy a cow. We were happy to help him. Five years later when the project went broke – we were still trying to get him to pay back the loan.

Anyway, I enjoyed my fifteen years as a missionary in Africa. The people were marvelous. One of their favorite words was 'karibu' which means welcome. And they certainly made you feel welcome. The preferred vehicle's of the church's mission was education. Every mission had a school. When most of the schools were subsequently taken over by the Government – religion, with a common syllabus, continued to be taught. It was a period of great growth for Christian churches. The Diocese of Mombasa, when I went there in 1970 – had one African priest. When I left – there was thirty. The Holy Ghost Fathers, the group I belong to, has hardly any seminarians in Europe or America – they have nearly a 1,000 in Africa. Signs of the times.

Fr. Casey

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Monday, August 31** **TERESA Committee** meets in the school library at 7 pm
- Tuesday, September 1** **Novena** in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass
- Thursday, September 3** **Bible Study** at 10 am in the Convent  
**Back to School Night at 6 pm**  
**Prayer group** meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
- Friday, September 4** **First Friday Holy Hour at 4 pm** in the church
- Saturday, September 5** **First Saturday Holy Hour at 7 am** in the church  
**Baptism Preparation Class** at 10:30 am 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

#### *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 need 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](mailto: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 [saintdunstan-church.org](http://saintdunstan-church.org) and click on the Religious Education (CCD) link to download registration materials and information about our program.

Greetings Everyone,

After a refreshing summer break, St. Dunstan's Adult Choir will resume singing for the 10:00 Sunday morning mass. We would like to invite all of you singers out there who want to share your gifts & talents to help celebrate our liturgy. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 2 at 7 pm in the church choir loft. Please feel free to contact either Cindy or I for any questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week and we'll see you at rehearsal!  
-Angelo



**Friday, September 4th 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.

**Saturday, September 5th 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.

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.

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

St. Dunstan's Branch 403 of the Italian Catholic Federation invites parishioners, their families and friends to join them on Sunday, September 20, 2009 for a delicious Ravioli Dinner. No host cocktails at 4pm, dinner of antipasto, salad, ravioli, bread and butter, dessert, coffee or tea and wine at 5 pm. Cost is \$17. For reservations call Kay Lucio at 697-7460.



**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.

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:  
\$5,924.00

**Thank you for all your support!**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday: St. Gregory the Great
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

This weekend, August 29 & 30, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be stationed at the doors of the church after each Mass, taking up their 5th Sunday Collection. Please give generously. Your donations will help those in need in our parish area.

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

**Sat. August 29**

- 5:00 PM Lector:** *J. Ryan*
- Eucharistic Ministers:** B&G Borba, N Holober, E Danli
- Altar Servers:** Casella, Totah, Janiczek

**Sun. August 30**

- 7:00 AM Lector:** *P. Livingston*
- Eucharistic Ministers:** B Rogers, R Flahavan, S Bosso
- Altar Servers:** Antunez, Plume, Miller
- 8:30 AM Lector:** *E. Linak*
- Eucharistic Ministers:** D&S Capodanno, D Magsaysay, M Leland
- Altar Servers:** Linak, Rossi, Rossi
- 10:00 AM Lector:** *J. Sigona*
- Eucharistic Ministers:** F Sigona, A&D Vogl, N Reyes
- Altar Servers:** Goins, Ronquillo, Bertin
- 11:30 AM Lector:** *T. Dizon*
- Eucharistic Ministers:** J Roensch, C Cannizzaro, C Caimotto, B Tiamson
- Altar Servers:** Lum, Chavez, Chavez
- 5:00 PM Lector:** *P McLaughlin*
- Eucharistic Ministers:** M McLaughlin, K Phelps, H Santana, S Pallari
- Altar Servers:** Gracia, Jones, Sison

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week***August 30 - September 5, 2009*

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Tito Caputo
	10:00 am	Tim Herbeck & Louis Marini
	11:30 am	SVdP Benefactors
	5:00 pm	Martin Kelly
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Ramon Halili
	8:00 am	Gulli Family (liv/dec)
	5:10 pm	Mary Livingston
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Lillian & Thomas Zucchelli
	8:00 am	Gus Galea & Rose Hyatt
	5:10 pm	Pastora Ramirez
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Lena Stefani
	8:00 am	James Clark
	5:10 pm	Consuelo DeLa Rosa
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Elcy Maliakal
	8:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
	5:10pm	Anita & Giuseppe Pasquinelli
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Elsamma Korah
	8:00 am	Dylan Cappel
	5:10 pm	Rosellini Opalenik Family
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Joseph & Albina Caimotto
	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, 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, 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, Erika Kiel, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana, & Michael Murray

**We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:**

Norma Ruggerio