
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Question for Reflection

When hearing today's Gospel, we tend to focus on hours and wages: the laborers understand justice as prorated wages. However, the parable is really about God's ways and God's justice: what God offers is not wages, but salvation that is the same for everyone. The surprise of the parable is that salvation is not earned but it is God's gift to us and God gives it generously—for God's ways are surely above our ways! *Have you ever been criticized for being too generous or forgiving?*

Saints of the Week

Friday, Sep. 26 – Sts. Cosmas and Damian. Both are brothers physicians who died around 300 AD at Cyrrhus in Syria. The brothers are known as the “moneyless ones” for their gratuitous care of the sick; they are mentioned in the Roman Canon and are patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind.

Saturday, Sep. 27 –

St. Vincent de Paul. He died in 1660 in Paris. Vincent was a kind priest who cared for prisoners, abandoned children, and the victims of war and misery. In 1625 he founded the congregation of the Missions (Vincentians), today numbering some 4,050 members. With St. Louise de Marillac (March 15) he established the Daughters of Charity. He is the patron of charities, of hospitals and prisoners. *What needs do you see around you? Which ones could you take care of? What is holding you back?*



Mission Appeal

Next weekend (Sep. 27/28) Fr. William Carpenter will hold the annual Mission Appeal (required by our Diocese) during all Masses, on behalf of the Congregation of the Clerics of St. Viator. The Viatorians were founded in the 19th century during the French Revolution with the purpose of providing Christian education of the youth. They minister in Belize, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Peru, Spain, Taiwan and the US. Please partner with them as they reach out to those in need.

Mass Intentions

It is the custom of the Church to offer and apply a Mass for anyone, for the intentions of the living or for the repose of the soul of our beloved deceased; this is an immemorial practice within our Church. The Santa Rosa Mass Calendar is almost empty which shows that few parishioners are offering these Masses for themselves or their loved ones. You can offer a Mass on a regular basis – just come by the parish office for scheduling. A Mass is a spiritual gift for many events, including anniversaries. The power of the Eucharist and the graces flowing from a Mass cannot be overstated.

Oktoberfest



Don't miss the “Cambria Oktoberfest is Wundebär” on Sat., Oct. 4th, at the Vet's Hall. Two seatings at \$7 per person will be at 12-4 PM and 4-8 PM. Tickets available at the door. German food items, desserts and drinks will be sold. Our parish, along with St. Paul's Episcopal and the American Legion are co-sponsoring this event. We need volunteers to help on that day. Please call the parish office if you can help. Drawing tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend or in the parish office. 1st prize– trip to Germany, (or \$4000 cash) 2nd prize– California resort vacation (or \$1000 cash). Only 250 tickets will be sold at \$50 each.

LAST WEEKEND OFFERINGS

Plate:	\$4,098.00
Other Donations:	\$1,806.50
Total:	\$5,904.50

THANK YOU for your support! We need \$6,607.69 weekly to meet expenses.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00 PM– Int. of Dorothy Cissna
Sunday, 9:00 AM– Int. of Pat Ensign
Sunday, 6:00 PM– +Benita Navarrete
Monday, 9:00 AM– Communion Service
Tuesday, 9:00 AM– Communion Service
Wednesday, 9:00 AM– +Michael Thompson
Thursday, 9:00 AM– Int. of Dodie Ruml
Friday, 9:00 AM– Int. of Linda Hotchkiss



Thank you, Catechists! Just before the new religious education year begins, we pause this weekend and thank each and every catechist who are shaping the future of our parish and Church through their sacrifices and sharing with our children the gifts of our faith. At the 9:00am Mass we have a special blessing and commissioning of all Catechists. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS– We will meet this Thurs., Sept. 25th, at 6:30 PM in room #4 for pizza and to discuss the upcoming kayaking trip. Students in grades 7-10 are invited to join the fun.

Helping Hands Ministry

Please call Betty Fiscalini (805-927-4573) if you would like to help this new ministry of calling the shut-ins at home, in retirement homes, assisted living, and nursing homes. Do not confuse this ministry with the bereavement and social outreach ministries which Betty Swierk oversees. No special talents are needed. Betty herself is almost homebound, but she wants to help and reach out to all those in need. All it takes is a little time.



Religious Education Corner

Classes begin today (Sunday) for grades 6th-10th and Wed., Sept. 24th, for grades 1st-5th. Please register your children after Mass this weekend if you have not already done so.

Bible Study

This coming **Wednesday (Sep. 24)** at **6:30pm** in the hall we will begin our sessions with a historical overview of *Christianity For The First Thousand Years*. From the Crucifixion to the coming of the Crusades, this study traces the rise of one of the world's great religions. We will explore the intertwined fates of the Roman Empire and the faith it persecuted, then later adopted. We will reveal how the New Testament was shaped, how pagan festivals were transformed into Christian holidays, and how modern discoveries shed new light on the dawn of Christianity. We expect to digest this theme for at least two sessions. Pop-corn & de-caffeinated coffee will be provided.

Congratulations Newly Baptized

Congratulations and Welcome to the following children who recently "Put on Christ" through the waters of baptism:

Eric Aguilar-Miranda
Jacqueline Becerra
Shanyra Cardenas-Esquivel
Luis Angel Diego
Giovanni Garcia-Aguilar
Marilyn Godoy Gutierrez
Miguel Godoy Gutierrez
Kate Gutierrez
Axuni Hernandez-Roque
Amelia Lobo



We look forward to having them in our midst during our celebrations.



PLEASE PRAY for the sick...Mary Collins, Cornelia Carey, Laverne Fisher, Richard

Macedo, Jim Adams, Glen Graham, Linda Hotchkiss, Michele Krohn, Elie Crettol, Steve Richardson, Timothy Maschler, Michelle Moran, Fr. Scott Hill, Robert Brennan, Charlotte Greathouse, Tammy Graham, Dennis Manders, Duane Kasulka, Gary Pontrellia, Thomas Kelly, Denis Scarberry, Byron Blais, Tommye Brennan, Terry Briebel, Mary Bianchi, Juana Torres, Troy Kelly, Patricia West, Salvador De Alba, Dorothy Cissna, Ginny Matakovich, Mary Trotter, Jackie Shannon, Lisa Reardon, Dodie Ruml.