



Sixth Sunday Of Easter

May 9, 2010

God has redeemed us
and made us His children.

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We Honor Those Who Have Nurtured Us

Friends,

Happy “mothering day.” That is not a crazy idea. Just think of it. We have put aside this day to honor our biological mothers, and rightly so. Our mothers are the ones who taught us our prayers. They set the example for us for right and wrong. They took us to church and taught us how to behave in a sacred place. ... Our mothers were our first educators. It is right and just that we honor them today.

However, as we reflect upon our past, we will find many other women who have “mothered” us. Perhaps our sisters or aunts or cousins, or the friendly neighbor next door. We needed “mothering,” and these women saw the needy child and proceeded to help us grow into mature individuals.

Now here is an irony. We have also been “mothered” or nurtured by male figures. Some of us were lucky to have a good father. The father-figure in a family is crucial, both for males and females. We learn who we are as men and women from these remarkable women and men.

Today we thank God for giving us mothers and fathers, women and men who help us become fully adult and fully Christian.

Peace,
Fr. John Maxwell

EDITOR’S NOTE: This column and all of Father John’s previous columns are available on our parish Web site. Just go to www.SaintJohnTheBaptistChurch.org and click on the picture of the church.

Mass for the Intentions Week

May 8 – 15, 2010

		Intention	Requested By
Saturday, May 8	5 p.m.	Carmela Tringali †	Caramagno Family
Sunday, May 9	8 a.m.	Nellie Naranja Tatom †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Maria Fatima Gregorio †	Mom & Dad
	11 a.m.	Luis Artiaga †	Reyline Artiaga
	12:30 p.m.	Nnamdi Uche †	Uche Family
	6 p.m.	St. John's Parishioners	Brazilian Community
Monday, May 10	8 a.m.	Leonor Tiongson †	Mom & Dad
Tuesday, May 11	8 a.m.	Judge Catalino Balagtas †	Joe & Mary Asuncion Family
Wednesday, May 12	8 a.m.	Seantrelle Guillory – Good Health	Robertson Family
Thursday, May 13	8 a.m.	Roman Rojas †	Joe & Mary Asuncion Family
Friday, May 14	8 a.m.	Jonas Cruz	Sister
Saturday, May 15	8 a.m.	Jo Sudall †	St. John's Senior Center
	5 p.m.	Jesus Juntilla Sr. †	Juntilla & Paz Family

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (212)	\$7,716
Loose Donations	<u>2,127</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$9,843
Parish & School Development	\$1,299

Next Weekend: Catholic Charities

Please remember your parish in your will.

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The second collection next weekend will be for Catholic Charities. This year's appeal is vital to sustaining the important work of providing programs and services to those in need throughout the diocese.



Jovanni Castro

Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Josephine Abbissinio, Dorothy Alexander, Serafin Allam, Evelyn Baker, Barbara Brendlinger, Elizabeth Brown, Jeffrey Chavez, Isabella Kristine Cruz, Deloris Davis, Narte Estrellas, Michael Fleming, Emilio Gallegos, Ann Gerletti, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Joe Gressel, Betty Harrell, Frances Haynes, Steve Jeffre, Adie Kasari, Marsha Lightfoot, Maria Impang Lozada, Eric Lubrano, Fr. John Maxwell, Evelyn Miché, Lolita Parafina, Stephen Pellingra, Evelyn Phillips, Dina Pieroni, Leola Richardson, Sr. Mary Soong, Amy Stymer and Marilyn Sutton.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.

Message of Stewardship

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."



Clarita Cruz

New Principal Hired

Dear Members of St. John the Baptist Church:

With a joyful heart, I am proud to announce that we have a new school principal. A search committee was formed with the help of the Diocesan School Department. We advertised about the job vacancy and received some very excellent applications. The committee interviewed candidates and after much discussion, a consensus was achieved. We have hired Mrs. Dina Trombetta as our new principal. She brings a wealth of experience to our school and a deep commitment to Catholic education. I think you will be pleased with this exceptional educator as our principal.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Maxwell, pastor

Feed the Hungry at GRIP

St. John's parishioners are dedicated to providing dinners at the GRIP homeless shelter on the third Saturday of each month this year.

In April, Eddie DeLima and other members of the Brazilian community prepared and served a dinner for 60 at the shelter. St. John's Confirmation class also prepared a special Good Friday dinner at the shelter as part of their preparation for full participation in the Church.

We still need volunteers to prepare and serve dinners on July 17 and Oct. 16 of this year. Cash donations for food are also needed to help the volunteer cooks and servers provide excellent dinners at GRIP.

Please contact the rectory or Joe Orr, 237-5568, to give of your time, talent and treasure to help feed the poor at GRIP.

Sr. Stella To Be Honored

Sr. Stella Goodpasture, O.P., will celebrate her 60th diamond jubilee as a Dominican Sister at a solemn Mass and reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at St. Joseph Church in Mission San Jose, Fremont.

Sr. Stella, who formerly served as social justice coordinator for St. John the Baptist Parish, will be one of 13 jubilarians honored.

Soup Lunch This Thursday

This is your last chance to attend this season's soup luncheon, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, at the Community Center.

Pea soup is on the menu, along with homemade dessert and tea or coffee, all for just \$3.

Don't forget to bring your soup bowl, spoon and coffee/tea cup. Soup will be served from 12 to 1, or until we run out.

Take an Active Role at Mass

We need more people to help with our ministries at Mass. Please consider taking an active role by joining one of these ministries:

5 p.m. Choir – Marissa Bautista, 502-5076

9:30 & 11 a.m. Choir – Andy Gutierrez 703-1076

12:30 Choir – Ligia Britto, 525-9066

Lectors – Mer Engalla, 669-9204

Holy Communion ministers – Tom Kennedy, 501-3956

Ushers – Geraldine Judt, 233-1960

Payment for your service will be heavenly!

Deacon Thom Retires

Deacon Thom McGowan, who has served our parish since 1995, has retired as director of administration and services for the Oakland Diocese. He worked eight years in that position and 21 years in the chancery office.



Deacon Thom

He said he won't miss the commute between Vallejo and Oakland, but commented about his role: "It's been an outstanding opportunity to influence different ministries in the mission of the Church."

His wife, Roedean, worked for the chancery office 38 years.

A special Mass was held at the cathedral to honor Deacon Thom upon his retirement. He will continue to be active at St. John's Church.



Vacation Bible Day Camp

June 21 – 25, 2010



(Mark your calendar & reserve the dates!)

Program for Kids in 1st – 6th grade in the fall of 2010

All Day: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., or Morning Program: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Children may arrive as early as 8 a.m. at no additional charge)

Pre-K/ K Program –9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (All-Day Camp available)

Each day your child can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Pharaoh's empire! They will explore authentic Marketplace shops, visit Joseph (who's in Pharaoh's prison, then gets promoted to the Palace!), take part in games, dance to lively songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about how God was with Joseph in good & bad times. These experiences make God's Word come alive!

Registration rate for **Full Day Camp** is \$160. (9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

\$145 for second child, \$135 each additional child)

Morning Only Option available for \$60 per child (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

10% Early Bird Discount Available until May 31

Questions? Call Pam Vincent at 233-6486

Parish Blood Drive, June 6

Please plan to give blood at St. John's Parish Blood Drive on Sunday, June 6, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Community Center at 6500 Gladys Ave.

We had a good turnout in December, and the Blood Centers of the Pacific is depending upon us to help restock their blood reserves again this spring, when supplies run low.

A Spanish-speaking nurse and Spanish language forms will be available. For more information, please contact Joe Orr at 237-5568.

YLI Invites New Members

YLI is an organization of Catholic women dedicated to the Christian principles of charity and love. Its history reflects care for each other and to those in need.

Women of the parish are invited to join and cultivate new friendships and grow. For further information, please contact Ann Jones at 232-2967.

Pentecost Retreat

A "Celebrate Pentecost" retreat will be held for young adults (21-40) on Saturday, May 15, at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse in Fremont.

The program will last from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

You can get more information or RSVP at [blessings@msjdominicans.org](mailto: blessings@msjdominicans.org) or 933-6335. If you'd like to attend, please contact Fr. Bart at 232-5659.

St. John's Seniors

St. John the Baptist Community Center

6500 Gladys St., corner of Lexington

Director: Jan Duckart 527-2850

Telephone 237-3808 on Tuesdays

12:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 11:

Glenn Stephenson,

Mature driving instructor:

"The strengths & needs of older drivers"

Vatican Confirms New Version of Missal; No Date Set

By Catholic News Service

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced that the Vatican has given its “recognition,” or confirmation, to the new English translation of the Roman Missal, but said the exact date for its implementation in U.S. parishes remains to be determined.

The approval came in a letter from Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, prefect for the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, although the missal is still undergoing final editing by Vatican officials, the USCCB announcement said.

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, expressed gratitude for the approval.

“I am happy that after years of study and review, the congregation for divine worship has concluded its work and provided us with a text that will enable the ongoing renewal of the celebration of the sacred liturgy in our parishes,” he said

In the coming weeks, Bishop Serratelli’s committee will recommend to Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, USCCB president, when to implement the new translation in U.S. parishes. The cardinal will then announce the date to the bishops, along with an implementation timeline and process.

A parish implementation guide has been in development at the USCCB and will be distributed to parishes throughout the country when the timeline has been set.

Bishops Blast Arizona Law

In solidarity with the Catholic bishops of Arizona, Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Migration, issued a statement opposing the enactment and implementation of Arizona SB 1070, which criminalizes undocumented immigrants.

“This new law, although limited to the State of Arizona, could have impact throughout the nation, in terms of how members of our immigrant communities are both perceived and treated,” Bishop Wester said in the statement.

“SB 1070 gives law enforcement officials powers to detain and arrest individuals based on a very low legal standard, possibly leading to the profiling of individuals based upon their appearance, manner of speaking, or ethnicity.”

Bishop Wester called SB 1070 “symptomatic of the absence of federal leadership on the issue of immigration” and called for the administration and Congress to “work in a bipartisan manner to enact comprehensive immigration reform as soon as possible.”

Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy. Then, we need an hour.

– St. Francis de Sales

Course on Social Teaching

The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) in Berkeley will conduct a weekend summer course exploring how Catholic social teaching applies to current political, economic and social issues.

The course, Re-Visioning Society I & II, will be taught by DSPT President Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday on two successive weekends: June 11-12 and 18-19.

Other summer session classes offered at the school will include:

- Pauline Scriptures, June 7-11 and 14-18
- Introduction to Icon Painting, June 14-18
- History of Icons, June 7-11
- Mystical Approach to Healing, July 26-30
- Pray Like a Mystic, July 12-16 and 19-23

For more information and to register, call 883-2073 or go to www.dspt.edu.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Faith, knowledge and married love will grow by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter on May 14-16.

For more information, please call Mike & Jeanne at (925) 672-2016 or Joe & Sue at (925) 680-7767 or go to www.rekindleyourmarriage.org.