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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2010

PROCLAIM GOD'S GLORY

A threefold message develops in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Usually suffering is part of the formation process. We are to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross.

Third, some people who imagine themselves saved are really not. The door of salvation has been closed in their faces despite their cries and pleas. On the other hand, some who are treated with contempt and disdain actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement on hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once caught your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people whom you imagine are not invited to God's kingdom? Why do you think so? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How might this be possible?

Always try your best to enter by the narrow door. Come and proclaim God's glory.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68;
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



MON	8/23	7:30	
TUE	8/24	7:30	
WED	8/25	8:00	Maryima MacPhee
THU	8/26	7:30	
FRI	8/27	7:30	Richard Brouette
SAT	8/28	7:30	Jacqueline Albano
		4:30 PM	Cristina Nano
SUN	8/29	7:30	Katheryn Aiello & Lancaster Families
		9:00	McLoughlin, Curtin, & Lancaster Families
		10:30	People of the Parish
(Spanish)		12:30 PM	Gloria Cormier



August 15, 2010

Weekly Offering	\$	4,476.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
Assumption	\$	808.00

Your continued support of your parish is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Back to School Bake Sale

St. Catherine's YLI will hold a bake sale on Sunday, August 29 in the Parish Hall. Your purchase will fill two purposes -- home-baked goodies for your family and YLI's contribution to their various charities.

P.S. Coffee, juice and good fellowship are free!



Please make a note that next weekend, August 28 & 29, St. Catherine of Siena will have a second collection for the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

WORTHY TEACHERS

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

CONTINUING FORMATION SERIES

Imagining the Afterlife: The Resurrection in Historical Perspective

Tuesday, August 24 from 7-8:30 pm

This is the last presentation of this series. Mary Beth will compare views on the afterlife from Scripture, the Early Church Fathers, Medieval artists, theologians, and contemporary ideas. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall. Free will donations are welcome. Questions: Pauline Porter, 228-2230 ext. 7 or drestcath@yahoo.com.

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Everyone is welcome to come and hear about the El Rincon Development and about volunteer and other support opportunities. Sunday, August 22, 6:30-8:pm at Hope Center Covenant Church, 2275 Morello Ave., Pleasant Hill. Call Ann Crisp at 356-8822 for event info or Tom Patitucci at 685-4673 or tpatitucci@hopecenter.cc.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Evening Faith Formation Registration Packets for the 2010/2011 school year are available for pick up in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of the church. Please register your children by August 31, 2010. For more information, please contact Pauline Porter at 228-2230 ext. #7or #30 or email at drestcath@yahoo.com.

CYO CROSS COUNTRY

Sign-ups for CYO Cross Country were held on August 18th. If you are still interested in signing up your child for Cross Country, call Karen or Dan Sandri at 370-7997. The cost is \$36 per child or \$60 for two. Practices start on Monday, August 23.

RCIA needs some Hostesses to set up and serve refreshments to our new group one Tuesday of the month. Come meet these newest members of our Parish Community! Your help is deeply appreciated. Time: 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Parish Center Ferry Street. Contact Sr. Moira at 228-2230 ext. 29.

St Catherine of Siena Memorial Candles

Memorial Candles in honor of a deceased loved one or entire family, are currently available for purchase. The candles remain lighted the entire year and are located inside the church, on the right-hand side. We have a very limited availability for the remaining of this year and throughout 2011, so they will be available on a first come basis. The cost for each candle is \$205 for the year 2011. Please contact the parish office for more information.



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St. Catherine of Siena's Parish Goal is **\$19,494**. To date we have collected **\$10,038.00** from Parishioners, which is **51%** of this goal donated by **69** Parishioners.

YEAH! We are over the one-half mark!



CYO Basketball Registration

Boys and Girls Grades 2-8
8/22/10 at the Parish Hall 4-7pm

For more information:
email: signecarol@aol.com

Registration Forms can be downloaded from website at www.stcmz.org - click on "CYO" to download the form.

St. Vincent de Paul

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having its special collection.

If you do not receive envelopes, please put your donation in a plain envelope and mark it St. Vincent de Paul.

Your gifts will help those who need assistance, so please be as generous as possible.

Help is Needed

Sr. Moira needs two Eucharistic Ministers for Monday afternoons from 2:00pm to 3:30pm to minister to our Hispanic Patients. Family concerns and surgery have forced our two regular EM's to be away for several months. Your help is deeply

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join the Parish in a Town Hall Meeting. Check your calendars to see if Sept. 8 or 15th works with your calendar.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Monday, 8/23</u>	7:00 PM	RC	San Lorenzo Ruiz Meeting
<u>Tuesday, 8/24</u>	3:15 PM	PC	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 PM	PC	R.C.I.A. First Class
	7:00 PM	CH	Speaker Series - Mary Beth Lamb
<u>Wednesday, 8/25</u>	7:30 PM	CH	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, 8/26</u>	7:00 PM	CH	Lector/Scripture Study
<u>Friday, 8/27</u>	9:00 AM	CH	School Mass
<u>Saturday, 8/28</u>	10:00 AM	CH	Baptism
	3:00 PM	CH	Reconciliation
<u>Sunday, 8/29</u>	10:00 AM	PH	Hospitality ~ YLI

PC = Parish Center ~ PH = Parish Hall ~ CH = Church ~ RC = Rectory

From the Desk of the Parochial Administrator Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many of you have seen the inspiring picture of American Marines planting the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima during World War II. The man who took that picture was an Associated Press photographer, Joe Rosenthal; a Jew who had become a Catholic. He braved mine fields, shrapnel, artillery, machine gun and mortar fire to record that scene.

He showed the same courage in becoming a Catholic. His family and friends accused him of turning against the faith of his fathers. Nevertheless, Joe Rosenthal lived his new faith to the full. He made this statement: "The day before we went ashore on Iwo Jima, I attended Mass and received Holy Communion. If a man is genuinely convinced he has the truth, and still neglects it, he is a traitor, and that goes not only for my Jewish friends who fail to attend the synagogue each Saturday, but also for my friends who miss Mass on Sunday."

Like Joe Rosenthal, many courageous souls make sacrifices to become Catholics. At the same time we see many falling away from their faith. Jesus talked about this situation. Some join the Church; some leave the Church. The majority who heard and met Jesus were Jews, the chosen people of God. One would expect them to follow Christ, the promised One, for whom they had been waiting. Comparatively few did follow Him.

At the same time, many Gentiles, non-Jews, did follow Christ. The Jews who turned away from Christ are the present-day Catholics who turned away from Him by leaving the Church. The Gentiles who followed Him are the modern day converts who turned to Christ.

Among the thousands who join the Catholic Church every year are doctors, professors, lawyers, Congressmen and women, star athletes. They are not stupid people. Why do they join our Church? Because they want to be sure about what they do and what they believe. Because they realize it is the Church Christ founded because of the beauty and power of public worship.

Then why do some Catholics, including priests, bishops and nuns leave the Church? Because of pride - they prefer their own opinions to the truths of our divinely guided spiritual family. Because of passion - often they are involved in an impossible marriage. Because of prejudice - they jump to a decision before they know all the facts. Because of

ignorance - they do not know the real meaning of being a true follower of Christ.



Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers

Steven Mountford 372-7846

Art & Environment

Beth Churchill-Raines 372-7267

Baptism

228-2230 Ext. 0

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Signe Curtis 699-7410

Eucharistic Ministers

Viviana & Marty Magee 228-6460

Faith Formation—Religious Education

Pauline Porter 228-2230 Ext. 7

Finance Committee

Ed Swieszcz 229-4694

Hospital/Grief/Sick/Homebound

Sr. Moira Macpherson, O.P. 228-2230 Ext. 8

Lectors

Deacon Albert Dizon 370-8143

Liturgy of the Word (Grades 1-5)

Steve George 765-2375

Maintenance Committee

Larry Schweinfurter 228-2581

No More Secrets-Survivor Outreach

Sherrie Hammon 372-6091

Parish Communications Committee

Rita Thomas 228-2230 Ext. 0

Pastoral Council

Larry Schweinfurter 228-2581

Reconnection/Returning Catholics

Sandra Hall 372-5348

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Sr. Moira Macpherson, OP 228-2230 Ext. 8

Small Christian Communities

Social Awareness/Stewardship

Anne Crisp 356-8822

Ushers

James McLaughlin 228-1051

Youth Group

Deacon Dave Holland 372-7015

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Columbian Ladies

Loretta Johnson 625-9374

Guadalupe Society

Margarita Flores 812-1279

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF)

Mary Cook 229-2665

Knights of Columbus

Marty Magee 228-6460

Legion of Mary

Mary Brock 228-2375

Loaves & Fishes

Denice Silva 372-0740

Mary Help of Christian

Margarita Flores 822-4768

Portuguese Society Rainha Santa Isabel

Mary Santos Hall 777-1061

San Lorenzo Ruiz Community

Yolly Dizon 370-8143

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Vic Steil 372-6436

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