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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 2010

HUMILITY

The biblical virtue of humility often gets mistranslated in our world. Many think of humility as ongoing self-effacement or even self-degradation. Humility, as the scriptures use it, is a sense of true self-awareness, of one's capacities and abilities. A false humility is actually a kind of deceit, and is often a mask for the face of arrogance that lies beneath it. Thus Sirach today tells us not to seek what is too sublime for us, or to search out what is beyond our strength. We are called to have an awareness of what we are able to grasp, and with what we are strong enough to contend. Scriptural humility also has about it an openness to the goodness of others and what is best in them. That is why both Sirach and Luke's Jesus instruct us not to deny our own self-worth, but to be ready to elevate and acclaim what is good or great in others. When we live this way, we are closer to understanding how God views all of us. We ought not place ourselves, but others, first. In living this humble way, we are living out of the heart of God, who is always ready to raise us up in honor at the table of the heavenly banquet.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalms — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Mass Intentions



MON	8/30	7:30	
TUE	8/31	7:30	Angelina Guerra & Joe Guerra
WED	9/1	8:00	Kirk & Brydie Kuykendall
THU	9/2	7:30	
FRI	9/3	7:30	
SAT	9/4	7:30	Abelardo Viceo
		4:30 PM	Alan Fabyancic
SUN	9/5	7:30	Tom & Matt Hogan
		9:00	Int. Kyle Magtibay
		10:30	People of the Parish
	(Spanish)	12:30 PM	Alfonso J. Rangel



August 22, 2010

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,915.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 1,762.00
Education	\$ 30.00

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

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.



Please make a note that next weekend, Sept. 4 & 5, St. Catherine of Siena will have a second collection for the **EDUCATION FUND.**

Back to School Bake Sale—TODAY!

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!



St. Catherine of Siena Pre-School

The Preschool is currently enrolling for Fall Preschool. Please call (925) 229-2255 for more information.

EAST BAY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

4th Annual Conference

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Join your fellow Catholic men for the 4th annual East Bay Catholic Men's Conference, to better learn how to practically live out our call. Day includes: Outstanding speakers, confessions, Holy Mass & lunch. For more info: Ed Hopfner ehopfner@oakdiocese.org or (510) 267-8392 or visit the website at www.eastbaymen.org

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.



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604)

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, “Gregorian” chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory’s legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory’s administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the Church’s material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the “Gregorian Canon” (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated “the Great,” a fitting epitaph.

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CYO CROSS COUNTRY

If you missed the sign-ups for *CYO Cross Country* and are still interested in signing up your child for Cross Country, call Karen or Dan Sandri at 370-7997.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE—*Save the date!* Sept. 15, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Church

This evening will be a parent information night and we ask that all parents of registered children and parents who would like more information about our Religious Education Program to attend.

For more information, please contact Pauline Porter at 228-2230 or drestcath@yahoo.com.

Bishop’s Appeal

St. Catherine of Siena’s Parish Goal is **\$19,494**. To date we have collected **\$11,118.00** from Parishioners, which is **57%** of this goal donated by **84** Parishioners.

YEAH! We are over the one-half mark!



RED HAWK CASINO TRIP

Only one week left to reserve your seat on the bus for the *Red Hawk Casino Bus Trip* on Thursday, Sept. 30—sponsored by the ICF and YLI. The bus leaves from Alhambra Safeway at 9:00 am and returns at about 6:00 pm. Call Maria at 228-0848 or Patty at 228-0810. Cost is \$34 per person (payable to ICF Br. #13) and is due by Sept. 1. Receive \$15 slot package with player’s club card available at casino. Raffles and prizes on the way! ICF proceeds benefit School Scholarship & YLI seminarians.

Parish WELCOMES Inquirers for Adult Faith Formation RCIA

The Parish joined the Adult Faith Formation Team and “alums” in welcoming an interested group of adults, who are beginning their INQUIRY part of the RCIA program. An Ice Cream Social on the warm summer evening added to the happiness of the occasion.

Its not too late to register for Adult Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Come by August 31, Tues. at 6:45pm to the Parish Center Building at 1125 Ferry St. Call 228-2230 ext. 8.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 8/30

Tuesday, 8/31

9:30 AM	CH	Memorial Mass
3:15 PM	PC	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
6:00 PM	CH	Multi-Ethnic Choir Practice
6:00 PM	PC	Pre-School Welcome Back Event
7:00 PM	PC	R.C.I.A. Class

Wednesday, 9/1

6:30 PM	PH	Back to School Night K-5
7:30 PM	CH	Choir Practice

Thursday, 9/2

6:00 PM	CH	Multi-Ethnic Choir Practice
6:30 PM	PH	Back to School Night Jr. High
7:00 PM	RC	Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 PM	CH	Lector/Scripture Study

Friday, 9/3

12:00 PM	CH	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
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Saturday, 9/4

3:00 PM	CH	Reconciliation
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Sunday, 9/5

10:00 AM	PH	Hospitality ~ Choir
4:00 PM	CH	Wedding
4:30 PM	PH	Confirmation Class
6:00 PM	RC	Youth Group Meeting

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

From the Desk of the Parochial Administrator
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Rita was twenty years old but she had never made her First Communion. Why? She was spastic— that is she did not have the normal use of her arms and legs because the muscles were stiff and rigid. She could not walk and could hardly hold anything in her hands. She even had difficulty in holding up her head. She could say just a few words, painfully and unclearly. Her family spent a tremendous amount of time, energy and money trying to train Rita, with a very small measure of success.

Various pastors had shied away from giving Rita Communion. They feared she didn't understand. They feared she might drop the Sacred Host. Along came a young priest who realized how much Rita wanted to receive Our Lord. He worked with her until finally one Sunday morning her parents brought Rita to Communion in her wheel chair. What a happy young lady! What a happy family!

Jesus tells us that when we give a banquet; we should invite the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind. My thought is: we should invite and we should help the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, not only materially and physically, but spiritually.

The banquet is like our Mass or service. Holy Communion, with all the other precious things; like hope and friendship and personal dignity offered, are "served" to us in and through our faith in Christ and His Church. We must help the bodies of the needy; but we must also serve their souls. Spiritual needs are just as real as physical needs.

For example, go ahead and take some goodies to that shut-in, but also take them something spiritual; say a prayer with them, bring them some Christian magazines or newspapers; tell them about some spiritual happening in the Parish Community. Read to them from the Bible or Missalette. No, this is not an effort to drag some friend of another faith or of no faith into the Church. Neither is it an effort to force a careless Catholic back to the Sacraments, although these are often the results. It is simply an effort to help the soul of a person as well as his or her body.

Jesus did both. He helped the soul even more than the body. He forgave the paralytic's sins and then cured his body. Ask Our Lord to help you do what He did. Serve the soul as well as the body.

