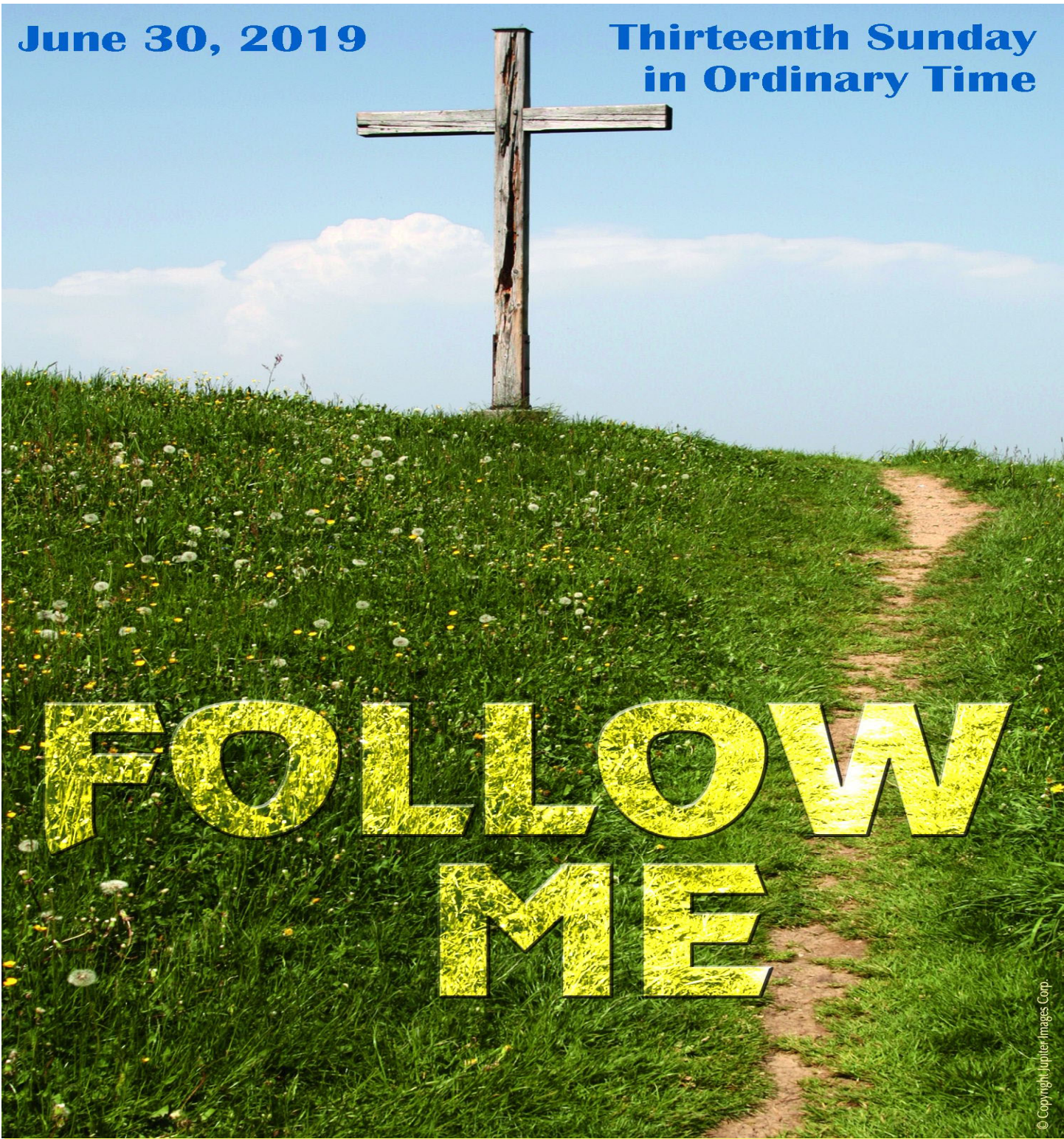


**June 30, 2019**

**Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

A photograph of a weathered wooden cross standing on a grassy hill. A dirt path leads from the bottom right towards the cross. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "FOLLOW ME" is overlaid in large, yellow, 3D-style letters.

**FOLLOW  
ME**

**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church  
Martinez, California**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY:** 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM  
12:30 PM (Spanish)  
**WEEKDAYS:** 8:00 AM

**HOLY DAYS:** 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM  
**ADORATION:** Thursdays from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:

All items must be submitted by Fri, June 7 by noon for June 16

Please direct your inquiries to:

[bulletin submissions@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin submissions@gmail.com)

All submissions must be submitted via email and  
copy/camera/paste ready.

**CHURCH LOCATION:** 606 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA

**PARISH OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS:** 1125 Ferry Street,  
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**TELEPHONE / FAX:** 925-228-2230 / 925-228-1318

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stcmtz.org](http://www.stcmtz.org)

**PARISH EMAIL:** [stcathmtz@yahoo.com](mailto:stcathmtz@yahoo.com)

### NEW

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon-Thur. 8:30 AM - 1 PM  
2:00 PM - 5 PM  
Friday: 8:30 AM - 1 PM

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL:** 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA  
**TELEPHONE / FAX:** 925-228-4140 / 925-228-0697

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** <http://school.stcatherinemartinez.com/>

**PRE SCHOOL:** 1125 Ferry Street, Martinez, CA  
**TELEPHONE / FAX:** 925-229-2255 / 925-229-2474

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

### RCIA: "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you need Adult Baptism?

Holy Eucharist (Communion)? Confirmation?

St. Catherine offers a friendly and supportive program.

Please call the office for more information.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### BAPTISMS:

Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism month. Please call the office to make an appointment once you have your documents ready. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class one month before reception of the Sacrament.

All information regarding requirements and schedules, can be found on the website at [www.stcmtz.org](http://www.stcmtz.org)

### FIRST EUCHARIST:

The Religious Education Program Registration begins in August and classes start in September. The First Holy Communion program is a two year program. All other classes are one year (K-8).

### CONFIRMATION:

Youth Confirmation Program Registration begins in August. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Please contact: Paul or Jenny Holland at [jenniferdevita@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferdevita@gmail.com) for more information. For Adult Confirmation, please call the office.

### MARRIAGES:

Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at **least eight months** prior to the wedding. No dates can be set prior to an initial meeting with a priest. No exceptions.

### RECONCILIATION:

Confession times are weekly on Saturday's from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and by appointment.

### ANointing OF THE SICK:

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the continuation of the Lord's compassion for the sick. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of two sacraments which heals and saves the baptized person from sin. The other sacrament of healing is Penance. For an anointing during working hours, please call the Parish office.

### FUNERALS:

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is homebound and/or ill & would like to receive the Eucharist or just a visit from a friendly face? If so, please email: Deacon Dave Holland at: [daveh@cfcsoakland.org](mailto:daveh@cfcsoakland.org) or call (925-413-9240) with your neighbor's name, address, and telephone number. St. Catherine Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound will arrange for a visitor from the parish. Thank you.



## Prescribed Periods of Silence During Mass BY CYNTHIA TRAINQUE

The Church prescribes silence in several places of the Mass.

**The first instance where it should occur is not in the actual Mass itself but in the preparations:**

“Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner”.

This, of course, sets the tone for ministers and it helps to foster silence in the people who can “hear” the silence rather than the traditional hoopla that oftentimes goes on in the sacristy. There is nothing worse than a priest in the sacristy saying to ministers just before the start of Mass, “It’s show time!”

**The next place of silence is during the Penitential Rite** where all are invited to take a moment of silence to call to mind our sins. That is, we acknowledge our unworthiness to be there in God’s holy presence but grateful that he has still, nonetheless, called us to worship of him.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) is when Father says, “Let us pray” and gathers all of our prayers and, as mediator, offers them to God, “through Christ our Lord”. This prayer is so important it is reserved to the priest celebrant — a deacon may not offer it for he does not stand “in persona Christi”.

**We pause for a moment or two after the First Reading** (before the Responsorial Psalm) and then again after the Second Reading — before the Alleluia. We allow the Word of God to seep into our being. Perhaps we simply receive it or perhaps it brings forth a word or two of praise and/or thanksgiving.

**Following the solemn proclamation of the Holy Gospel is the homily** — a vital component to the Liturgy. It is the time when Father or the deacon explains the readings and teaches us how to live what they express. There should be a more prolonged (2-3 minutes) duration of silence after the homily. For many people this specific period of silence along with that after Communion may be the longest they will experience all week given so many busy and hectic (and even chaotic) schedules of the week.

The GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) has this to say: “The liturgy of the word must be celebrated in a way that fosters meditation; clearly, any sort of haste that hinders reflectiveness must be avoided. **The dialogue between God and God’s people taking place through the Holy Spirit demands short intervals of silence, suited to the assembly, as an opportunity to take the word of God to heart and to prepare a response to it in prayer.**

Proper times for silence during the liturgy of the word are, for example, before this liturgy begins, after the first and second reading, after the homily (56)”<sup>14</sup>. While not a prescribed period of silence I would wish for Father to allow the Sign of Peace to “finish” completely before he walks over to the tabernacle to take out the ciboria. I usually follow him with my eyes and body posture and I bow in silent Adoration the entire time he is at the tabernacle and returns to the altar.

Remember, there was silence in heaven for half an hour before the seventh seal on the seventh scroll was opened — how much more should there be a deep reverent silence at this point of the Mass?

**Finally, after Communion is another opportunity of prolonged silence.** It is a time to offer our prayers of Thanksgiving for having fed us with his very self in the Holy Eucharist. It is a time when words fail me the most for “Thank-you” seems as just a mere pittance to give to the Father.

So...what’s this all about?

In a [2004 article from Zenit](#), the author Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum has this to say:

The specific periods of silence recommended in the GIRM encourage a general atmosphere of interior and exterior silence for all the participants at Mass. This silence should be sought while listening to the readings, the homily, or the proclamation of the Eucharistic and other priestly prayers. This helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. Thus silence at Mass is an active, not a passive disposition.

This form of interior silence does not impede, and in deed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

Yes, being present to what one is doing is key. But too many pastors do not speak about the necessity of silence at Mass because they themselves do not observe it. [Listen to Cardinal Sarah scold us here](#) — he especially scolds the priests but includes the Faithful as well:

...apart from the homily, all other speeches or introductions of persons should be forbidden during the celebration of Holy Mass. Indeed, we have to avoid turning the church, which is the house of God intended for adoration, into a theater in which people come to applaud the actors who are rated according to their ability to communicate, to use an expression that you often hear in the media. Nowadays, you sometimes get the impression that Catholic worship ... has gone from adoration of God to the exhibition of the priest, the ministers, and the faithful. Piety has been abolished, including the word itself, and has been liquidated by liturgists as devotionism, but they have made the people put up with liturgical experiments and rejected spontaneous forms of devotion and piety. They have even succeeded in imposing applause on funerals in place of mourning and weeping. Did Christ not mourn and weep at the death of Lazarus?

*Continued.*

Again, from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI — “We are realizing more and more clearly that silence is part of the liturgy. “Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy...it is a sure sign that the essence of the liturgy has totally disappeared....”

We respond, by singing and praying, to the God who addresses us, but the greater mystery, surpassing all words, summons us to silence. It must, of course, be a silence with content, not just the absence of speech and action. We should expect the liturgy to give us a positive stillness that will restore us”.

What, then, to do in order to make a return to the various places of silence in the Liturgy? Education is a must — for priests and deacons and for the laity as well. One suggestion would be to put on our church doors the sign referred to in a previous paragraph: For the sake of Jesus present in the tabernacle, kindly maintain silence in this place. Also, as previously stated, install a sound system (most churches already have one) and allow for quiet meditative music to be played from a CD — there are plenty to choose from. Another action item would be to put at least a small blurb about the need for silence in the parish bulletin and on the parish website. An article of lengthier duration could be used placed as a bulletin insert.

Finally, with all due respect to those members of the faithful (and clergy) who wish to pray the Rosary before the start of Mass, kindly begin your Rosary *at least* 30 minutes before Mass. The Rosary is neither a prelude nor prerequisite to the Mass.

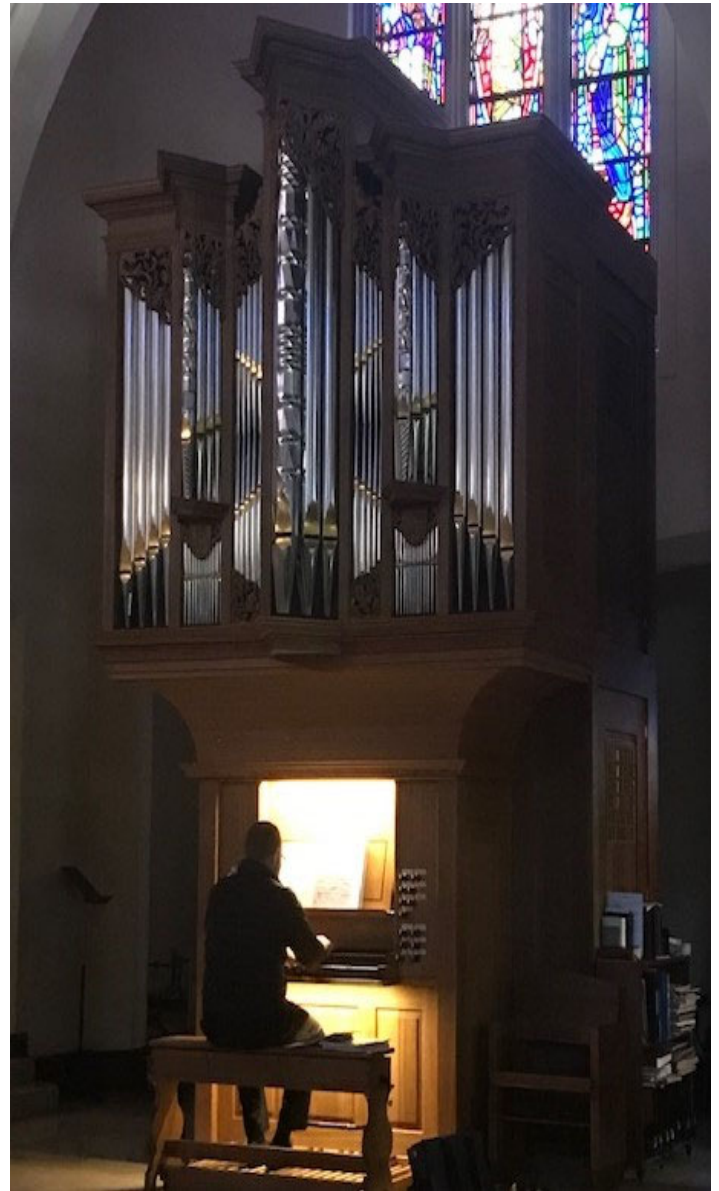
I come to church early in order to recollect myself and to pray in silence — not in praying the Rosary or even in listening to it. It is a private devotion and it should not interfere with one’s preparation for Mass. Some parishes now have the recitation of the Rosary in the back pews of the Church or off to the side in very low voices. Similarly, one should actually wait about ten minutes after Mass for the public recitation of the Rosary for the sake of those who wish to prolong their prayer of Thanksgiving in silence. As beautiful a devotion as the Rosary is, it should not be rushed into. I’ve seen in parishes where Father has barely stuck his big toe out of the sanctuary when someone begins praying the Rosary in a loud voice. It is all about educating people and leading them by example — starting with the pastor (and, at times, the bishop) and the ministers — lectors, acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — most especially when they take their seats in the sanctuary.

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## DISCIPLESHIP

To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.



**Mr. Troy graciously showcased his wonderful talents at the St. Albert’s Priory in Oakland. We were so moved by the beautiful music. Makes one wonder when are we going to be able to hear these beautiful organ sounds at St. Catherine of Siena once again? Thank you Troy for sharing your Glory and an amazing free spiritual concert! Organ fund-to-date \$31.00**

## INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

|            |             |              |                                         |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>6/29</b> | <b>4:30</b>  | Barry Jackson †                         |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b>6/30</b> | <b>7:00</b>  | Mary Rose †                             |
|            |             | <b>8:30</b>  | Ramona and Clemente Lejano †            |
|            |             | <b>10:30</b> | Ann Burnside †                          |
|            |             | <b>12:30</b> | Int. People of the Parish               |
| <b>MON</b> | <b>7/1</b>  | <b>8:00</b>  | Special Intention                       |
| <b>TUE</b> | <b>7/2</b>  | <b>8:00</b>  | Sylvia Nevarez †                        |
| <b>WED</b> | <b>7/3</b>  | <b>8:00</b>  | Laureano Rosete †                       |
| <b>THU</b> | <b>7/4</b>  | <b>8:00</b>  | Special Intention                       |
| <b>FRI</b> | <b>7/5</b>  | <b>8:00</b>  | Int. Lordes Gunotang                    |
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>7/6</b>  | <b>8:00</b>  | Int. Nita Cajaras                       |
|            |             | <b>4:30</b>  | Int. Brian & Sylvia Lloren— Anniversary |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b>7/7</b>  | <b>7:00</b>  | Int. Castro Family                      |
|            |             | <b>8:30</b>  | Thomas & Eva Hernandez Family†          |
|            |             | <b>10:30</b> | Sisto & Felipe Trujillo †               |
|            |             | <b>12:30</b> | Int. Saint Catherine of Siena Parish    |



### St. Catherine of Siena continues to support our School Families

In the **2018-2019** school year, St. Catherine of Siena Parish provided support for the financial needs of 10 families currently enrolled in the school. The total amount of assistance, \$36,700.00 was divided among the families, based on their needs. This contribution helped families to keep their children in the school, receiving a Catholic education. Through the generosity of several parishioners an additional amount of \$8,674 was donated to the school to help with the overall costs of operation. These funds were donated through the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Education.

St. Catherine of Siena School is a beloved ministry of our Parish and the community has been extremely generous in supporting the activities, through participation and monetary contributions. For the 2019-2020 school year funds have been allocated to support families in receiving a Christ centered education at our school. If you are interested in donating to this Parish Scholarship Fund, helping more families attend our school, please contact Karen Glen/Bookkeeper at the Parish office. Do you know a family that is interested in sending their child to the school? If you would like more information about the financial assistance available, please call our Mrs. Jessica Griswold, School Principal at **(925) 228-4140**. You can also download the SCS Financial Aid form at <http://stcatherinemartinez.com/admissions/tuition>



**STEWARDSHIP**  
To create a culture  
in the parish rooted  
in gratitude  
and generosity.

### June 23, 2019 WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>  | <b>\$ 5,109.00</b> |
| <b>Catholic Charities</b> | <b>\$ 25.00</b>    |
| <b>RCIA</b>               | <b>\$ 500.00</b>   |

Weekly Offering

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*



#### SCS Goal Summary:

|                      |                    |                                 |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Parish Goal:</b>  | <b>\$23,000.00</b> |                                 |
| <b>Funds Raised:</b> | <b>\$19,528.00</b> | <b>% of Goal Raised: 84.90%</b> |
| <b>Remaining:</b>    | <b>\$ 3,472.00</b> |                                 |

### A Question has been asked...

**Question: I have heard that money was taken from the PACE accounts by the Parish and spent on the needs of the Parish. Isn't the money in these accounts Restricted?**

In 2011 a withdrawal of \$50,000 was taken from the PACE I account to help with the needs of the Parish and School. This money was drawn from the interest earned on the PACE I account from 1999 to 2011, which was a total of \$246,259.35. All PACE I donations are restricted funds.

The decision to take a loan from the interest earned was decided by Fr. Leo, in consultation with the Finance Committee and the CFO of the Diocese of Oakland. In an agreement with Fr. Clarence in 2015, the Parish began returning the funds formally withdrawn in the amount of \$1,000 from our General Operating Account each month. In 2017 a total of \$10,000 was returned to PACE I and again in 2018 another \$10,000 was returned. In 2019, under the direction of Fr. Anthony, due to the healthy financial state of our Savings Deposit Account, the remaining balance of \$30,000 was paid to the PACE I account, bringing the balance of the original \$50,000 to \$0 (Returned in Full).



## **Hospitality means to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit ~ Karen Glen**

I recently had a conversation with a group of people in a Spiritual book club in which a question was raised. What is the better state to attain, Happiness or Joy? When the others in the discussion all agreed that happiness was the greatest goal, I remained perplexed. One of my high school teachers, Sr. Patricia Bruno, (some 40 years ago) had given me a simple yellow card that said, “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.” I still have that card to this day, often making copies and sharing it with others. I pondered the response of my fellow group members and then began to ask some of my dear friends, what they thought, Happiness vs Joy? Each one emphatically said, “JOY”. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for *joy* is *chara*. Joy is the natural reaction to the work of God, whether promised or fulfilled. Joy expresses God's kingdom—His influence on earth (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit draws us to God, in whose presence we can know true joy. Without the Holy Spirit, no one would seek God. We can be filled with joy even amid suffering and difficulty. It is not a fleeting emotion, but a gift. It is through the fruit of the Holy Spirit, that we offer hospitality, which is a spiritual gift. It is given by the Holy Spirit, by God's grace, and it's used to serve others. *“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:9–10 NIV*

Hospitality is not an option. It is a virtue and a command. The Benedictines practice it well, still, setting extra places at the convent guest house or monastery guest table in case someone drops in and needs sustenance. *In St. Benedict's Rule for Monasteries, hospitality is introduced by the opening sentence of Chapter 53: Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ...* That's quite an insight and quite a risk. It's a striking insight to me since the legends about St. Benedict speak of him more as a host than as a guest; the tradition may suggest that he's not telling us how he wishes he had been treated. And it represents his insight in applying Matthew 25:23 (*I came as a guest and you received me*) to his experience as host. ~ ***Benedictine Hospitality (James)***. The act of being friendly and welcoming may seem like a simple gesture, but this entails one of the greatest virtues missing today—that of trust. To trust other human beings, one must be in a trust relationship with God, with one's companions on the way to heaven, such as members of one's family or church. Trust implies that one sees the goodness in the other, not merely the negative aspects of that person's character or personality. All people, as we know, or have heard, reflect Christ in some way. We are called to welcome them. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit to do so gracefully. The Holy Spirit can give us the gift of joy, as we open our homes, our churches and our hearts. **Real hospitality can be uncomfortable. It requires effort, it takes time, it means sacrifice. It draws us out from what makes us feel in control. To see what God can orchestrate in His Sovereignty.**



**FACILITIES**  
To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.



## ***“The Divine Renovation begins”***

### **Hospitality Sunday’s**

Are you interested in taking part in the welcoming and hospitality of our parish community?

Hosts are still needed for :

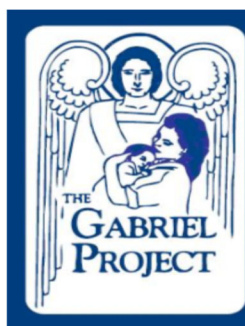
**July 14, August 4, August 11**

Individuals, organizations, and ministries are invited to host. Please email or call the parish office to sign-up.  
Thank You.



**HOSPITALITY**  
To form a joyful family community that reaches out and receives one another as Christ reaches out and receives us.

Wonderful changes are on the way for our Parish Hall kitchen. You may have noticed all the cupboards and drawers have been emptied. During the clean-up day, any broken items or out of date food products were discarded. The Maintenance crew is completing a thorough cleaning. Once that is finished, the Hospitality crew will begin to organize and label each drawer and cabinet with its contents. This will streamline our Sunday hospitalities. The new look of the kitchen will be more commercial and professional which in turn will be more user friendly. We are confident the new look will be welcomed and enjoyed! More details to follow in upcoming Bulletins.



**Pregnant?  
Worried?  
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.  
We can help.*

**The Gabriel Project**  
Call: 800-910-0191

Pregnant and you don’t know who to turn to and where to go?

Contact Birthright Pregnancy Support Center at 925-798-7227 or (1-800-550-4900 emergency) located at 3106 Clayton Road, Concord.

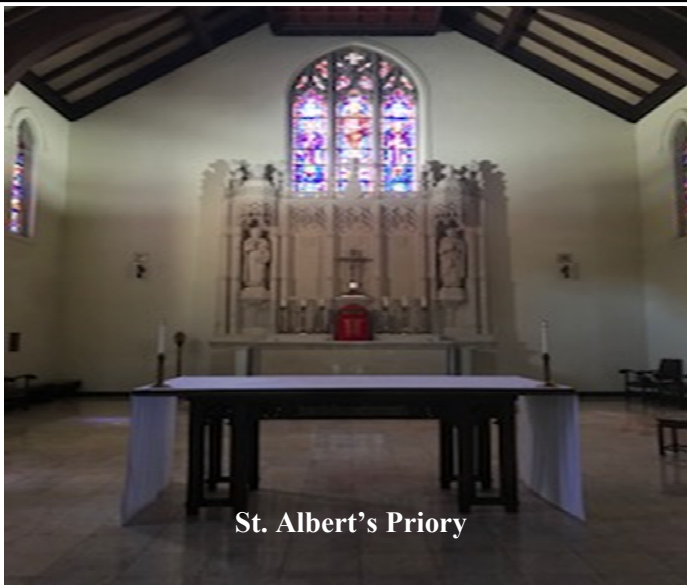
The Gabriel Project is also available for help. The Gabriel Project is a church-based ministry to support pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Before contacting these facilities directly, feel free to call our **parish contact, Linda Easterday** at (925) 372-3845 for more detailed information to help you decide what your needs are and which program would be best for you

## NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES Effective August 2019

The 10:30 Mass will be changed to 11 AM  
The 12:30 pm Spanish Mass  
will be changed to 1 pm.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, we will gather to pray for priests on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the second Thursday. The remainder of the year we will gather as always on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays unless otherwise indicated.

**NO Baptisms or classes** will be conducted during the months of **JULY and AUGUST**.  
We will resume our normal schedule in September.



St. Albert's Priory

The St. Catherine of Siena  
Five Years of Grace  
Liaison Team joined together  
with Parish Leaders, Parish  
Staff and the Faith Formation  
Team for a spiritual retreat at  
the St. Albert's Priory in  
Oakland. Joining in fellowship  
and prayer for the needs of our  
Parish Community as  
we move from a Maintenance to  
Mission driven Parish.

( Not pictured : Jessica Preciado)



## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Sunday, 6/30

8:00 AM PH

### Thirteenth Sunday of Easter

Hospitality: Thank you Endonilla Family!

### Monday, 7/1

7:30 AM CH  
5:00 PM PC  
7:00 PM PCL

Rosary  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting  
K of C Officer Meeting

### Tuesday, 7/2

7:30 AM CH  
6:00 PM CH  
7:00 PM PC  
7:00 PM PH  
7:30 PM CH

Rosary  
Choir Rehearsal  
Scripture Reflection with Clergy  
YLI Meeting  
Spanish Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, 7/3

7:30 AM CH  
6:15 PM PH  
6:30 PM PCL

Rosary  
IGNITE Bible Study  
Legion of Mary Ministry Meeting

### Thursday, 7/4

7:30 AM CH  
8:30 AM CH  
12:00 PM CH  
8:00 PM CH

Rosary  
**Office Closed**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Benediction

### Friday, 7/5

7:30 AM CH  
8:30 AM CH  
6:00 PM CH  
6:30 PM CH

Rosary  
**Office Closed**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Mass (1st Friday)

### Saturday, 7/6

7:30 AM CH  
9:30 AM PCL  
12:00 PM PCL  
3:00 PM CH

Rosary  
SVdP Food Distribution  
IGNITE Bible Study  
Reconciliation

### Sunday, 7/7

CH = Church  
PH = Parish Hall  
PC = Parish Center

RC = Rectory  
YD = School Yard  
PCL: Parish Center Library

SC = School

YS: Youth Shack

## READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy  
Tuesdays 7:00 –8:15 PM (Parish Center - St. Gabriel Room)

### Sunday, Jun 30, 2019

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINA

#### How free do you dare to be?

You're only as free as your nearest master. That might be a person who exerts authority over you. It could also be an addiction that governs your decisions or a personal "Prime Directive" that shapes your choices. Not all forces that hold sway over us are negative. We may choose to be governed by moral principles, or to follow the recommendations of our doctors or the commandments of the Bible. The higher our governing authority, the more freedom we'll experience. If the only power we answer to is ourselves, we may be in for a rough ride.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99). *"For freedom Christ set us free . . . do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."*

### Monday, Jul 01, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST

#### Faithful to the journey

The Franciscan friar Junipero Serra did not become a missionary until he was 56, after years of teaching philosophy in Spain. In 18th-century colonial California, Serra set up missions a day's journey apart, or however far he could walk on his bad leg, in which an insect bite had caused a chronic infection. Eventually he established nine missions, among them San Luis Obispo and San Juan Capistrano. At one point he made his way to Mexico City and back to plead the Native Americans' case with the Spanish authorities. Pope Francis canonized him on September 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It's never too late to renew your path in life as a Christian. Look at each day as a daily pilgrimage, one you can get through even if you have to limp. How far can you get today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). *"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."*

### Tuesday, Jul 02, 2019

#### A calm port in a storm

The world has seen its share of disasters, both natural and of human origin: earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, oil spills, and wars, to name a few. People also experience their own personal catastrophes: illnesses, deaths, losses of jobs and homes, the crumbling of families and relationships. Such events can give us some perspective on biblical stories like the one about the sleeping Jesus and his scared-to-death disciples on a storm-tossed boat. It can be hard to trust God—or anyone for that matter—when events threaten to overcome us. It is at those times, though, that trust is most needed. Take some biblical advice. Jesus "rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm." In the face of calamity, the voice of God is not in the sound and fury but in the stillness of your heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). *"Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"*

### Wednesday, Jul 03, 2019

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

#### Have your doubts

How we need Saint Thomas now. He, more than anyone, could understand our swishy tango between doubt and faith. When so many institutions—governmental, religious, financial—behave abysmally, doubt seems the only appropriate response. How can intelligent people trust those who only seem to act out of greed and hypocrisy? For Thomas, as for us, doubt is the portal to truth. The ultimate pragmatist boldly demands, "my hands in

his side"—and gets what he asks for. Jesus doesn't criticize; instead he responds vulnerably, tenderly. So forget the rigid certainties; try doubt.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593).

*"You are citizens with the saints and . . . members of God's household."*

### Thursday, Jul 04, 2019

MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### Freely believe

The Catechism of the Catholic Church devotes several pages to the topic of freedom, a concept Americans hold dear and celebrate today. Catholics embrace freedom as essential to the dignity of each human being, but not the idea of a "free for all"—rather, the common good holds weight. The best use of freedom is when, through our close connection to God, we freely choose goodness and righteousness. However you celebrate Independence Day, take a moment to consider your own freedom and how you exercise it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380).

*"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.'"*

### Friday, Jul 05, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST

#### Go about doing good

Much of Jesus' ministry was made up of teaching, proclaiming the kingdom of God, and healing. He sent the disciples out to do the same. Anthony Zaccaria (1502-39), a doctor, followed this call. He founded a religious order and served the poor and sick. As disciples of Jesus today, we take up similar work: showing others our faith in the gospel, the Good News of Christ, by looking for opportunities to be a healing presence in the world around us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). *"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

### Saturday, Jul 06, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

#### With God's grace, reconciliation is always possible

One of the marks of sanctity is that it inspires radical change in the lives of those who encounter it. Such was the case with Maria Goretti, murdered in 1902 by a would-be rapist when she was only 11 years old. She forgave her killer, Alessandro Serenelli, on her deathbed. Serenelli, however, was unrepentant until he had a dream in which Maria gave him lilies that immediately burned his hands. After his release from prison decades later, Serenelli visited Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness. They attended Mass together the next day, receiving Communion side by side.

On June 24, 1950 the repentant Serenelli was present for Goretti's canonization. Change someone's life today through forgiveness. 2-29; Matthew 9:14-17 (382).

*Jesus answered them, 'Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?'"*

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## LECTURAS Y REFLEXIONES DE LA SEMANA

### **Domingo, Jun 30, 2019 DÉCIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO** *¿Cuán libre te atreves a ser?*

Solo eres tan libre como tu amo más cercano. Ése podría ser una persona que ejerce autoridad sobre ti. También podría ser una adicción que gobierna tus decisiones, o un "Prime Detective" personal que da forma a tus elecciones. No todas las fuerzas que influyen sobre nosotros son negativas. Podemos elegir ser gobernados por principios morales, o seguir las recomendaciones de nuestros doctores o los mandamientos de la Biblia. Cuanto más alta es la autoridad que nos gobierna, más libertad sentiremos. Si el único poder al que respondemos es nosotros mismos, podemos encontrarnos en dificultades. **LECTURAS PARA HOY: 1 Reyes 19:16b, 19-21; Gálatas 5:1, 13-18; Lucas 9:51-62 (99).** *"Para ser libres nos ha liberado Cristo. . . no se dejen someter de nuevo bajo el yugo de la esclavitud."*

### **Lunes, 01 de Julio MEMORIAL DE JUNIPERO SERRA, SACERDOTE: Fieles al viaje**

La feria de Franciscano Junipero Serra no se convirtió en misionera hasta que cumplió 56 años, después de años de enseñar filosofía en España. En la California colonial del siglo XVIII, Serra organizó misiones con un viaje de un día aparte, o por mucho que pudiera caminar sobre su pierna mala, en la que una picadura de insecto había causado una infección crónica. Finalmente estableció nueve misiones, entre ellas San Luis Obispo y San Juan Capistrano. En uno de ellos se dirigió a la ciudad de Mejiro y volvió para defender el caso de los nativos americanos con las autoridades españolas. El Papa Francisco lo canonizó el 23 de septiembre de 2015 en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D. C. Nunca es demasiado tarde para renovar su camino en la vida como cristiano. Mire cada día como un peregrinaje diario, uno que puede superar incluso si tiene que cojear. **¿Hasta dónde puede llegar hoy? Lecturas de hoy: Génesis 18: 16-33; Mateo 8: 18-22 (377).**

### **Martes, 02 de Julio de 2019: "Maestro, te seguiré cada vez que vayas"**

Un puerto tranquilo en una tormenta

El mundo ha visto su cantidad de desastres, tanto naturales como de origen humano: terremotos, inundaciones, huracanes, tornados, derrames de petróleo y guerras, por nombrar algunos. Las personas también experimentan sus propias catástrofes personales: enfermedades, muertes, pérdidas de empleos y hogares, el desmoronamiento de las familias y las relaciones. Dichos eventos pueden darnos una perspectiva de historias bíblicas como la del Jesús durmiente y sus discípulos de miedo a la muerte en un bote lanzado por la tormenta. Puede ser difícil confiar en Dios, o en cualquier otra persona, cuando los eventos amenazan con vencernos. Es en esos momentos, sin embargo, que la confianza es más necesaria. Toma algún consejo bíblico. Jesús "reprendió a los vientos y al mar, y hubo una gran calma". Ante la calamidad, la voz de Dios no está en el sonido y la furia, sino en la quietud de tu corazón.

**Lecturas de hoy: Génesis 19: 15-29; Mateo 8: 23-27 (378).** *"¿Por qué estás aterrizado, oh tú de poca fe?"*

### **Miércoles, 03 de Julio de 2019 FIESTA DE TOMÁS, APÓSTOL: Tienes tus dudas**

Cómo necesitamos a Santo Tomás ahora. Él, más que nadie, pudo entender nuestro sonoro tango entre la duda y la fe. Cuando tantas instituciones—gubernamentales, religiosas, financieras—se comportan abismalmente, la duda parece ser la única respuesta apropiada. ¿Cómo pueden las personas inteligentes confiar en aquellos que solo parecen actuar por codicia e hipocresía? Para Tomás, en cuanto a nosotros, la duda es el portal de la verdad. El pragmatista definitivo exige audazmente "mis manos en su costado", y obtiene lo que pide. Jesús no critica; En su lugar, responde vulnerable, con ternura. Así que olvida las rígidas certezas; prueba la duda.

**Lecturas de hoy: 2: 19-22; Juan 20: 24-29 (593).** *"Ustedes son ciudadanos con los santos y miembros de la casa de Dios".*

### **Jueves, 4 de Julio de 2019. MISA POR EL DÍA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA: Creer libremente**

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica dedica varias páginas al tema: una libertad, un concepto que los estadounidenses aprecian y celebran hoy. Los católicos abrazan la libertad como algo esencial para la dignidad de cada ser humano, pero no la idea de un "libre para todos". Más bien, el bien común tiene peso. El mejor uso de freedom es cuando, a través de nuestra estrecha conexión con Dios, elegimos libremente la bondad y la justicia. Como sea que celebres el Día de la Independencia, tómame un momento para considerar tu propia libertad y cómo la ejercitas. **Lecturas de hoy: Génesis 22: 1b-19; Mateo 9: 1-8 (380).** *"Cuando Jesús vio su fe, le dijo al paralítico: 'Coraje, niño, tus pecados son perdonados'".*

### **Viernes 05 de Julio de 2019 MEMORIAL DE ANTHONY ZACCARIA, SACERDOTE: Ir haciendo el bien**

Gran parte del ministerio de Jesús estaba formado por la enseñanza, la proclamación del reino de Dios y la sanación. Él envió a los discípulos a hacer lo mismo. Anthony Zaccaria (1502-39), un médico, siguió esta llamada. Fundó una orden religiosa y sirvió a los pobres y enfermos. Como discípulos de Jesús hoy, emprendemos un trabajo similar: mostrar a otros nuestra fe en el evangelio, la Buena Nueva de Cristo, buscando oportunidades para ser una presencia sanadora en el mundo que nos rodea. **Lecturas de hoy: Génesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Mateo 9: 9-13 (381).** *"¿Por qué tu maestro come con los recaudadores de impuestos y los pecadores?"*

### **Sábado, 6 de Julio de 2019 MEMORIAL DE MARIA GRETTI, VIRGEN, MARTYR**

Con la gracia de Dios, la reconciliación siempre es posible

Una de las características de la santidad es que inspira un cambio radical en la vida de quienes la encuentran. Tal fue el caso de Maria Goretti, asesinada en 1902 por un violador cuando solo tenía 11 años. Ella perdonó a su asesino, Alessandro Serenelli, en su lecho de muerte. Serenelli, sin embargo, no se arrepintió hasta que tuvo un sueño en el que María le dio lirios que inmediatamente le quemaron las manos. Después de su liberación de la prisión décadas después, Serenelli visitó a la madre de María y le pidió perdón. Asistieron a la misa juntos al día siguiente, recibiendo la comunión lado a lado. El 24 de junio de 1950, el arrepentido Serenelli estuvo presente para la canonización de Goretti. Cambia la vida de alguien hoy a través del perdón.

**LECTURAS DE HOY: Génesis 27: 1-5, 15-29; Mateo 9: 14-17 (382).**

*"Jesús les respondió: '¿Pueden los invitados a la boda llorar mientras el novio esté con ellos?'"*

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