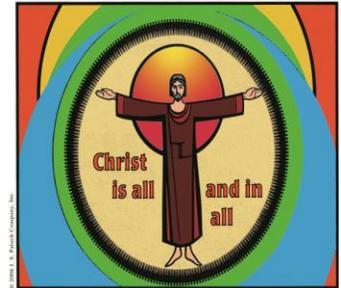


REFLECTION

The Center of a Meaningful Life

Today’s readings invite us to reflect upon some of life’s deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God’s purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God’s love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.



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NEWS UPDATE

MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE – Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S. will be making the Mission Appeal at all the masses. **Information on the Speaker:** Father Thomas was born in India, and spent the first four years after ordination working in the Philippines. I have been ministering in the USA for over 20 years; first I was in ministry of education and formation of seminarians and then in pastoral ministry. I am now Director of the La Salette Mission Center since January 2011, where my goal is to bring awareness of the universal church and raise funds for La Salette Missionaries working in poor and underdeveloped mission countries. It will be my pleasure to speak to you about the mission activity of the Church and the La Salette Missionaries. Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. *“They went forth and preached everywhere”* (MK 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words to the two children (Maximin and Mélanie), *“Well, my children, you will make this know to all my people.”* Echo Jesus’ Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been missioned orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, They eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring Gods reconciling message to the poor.

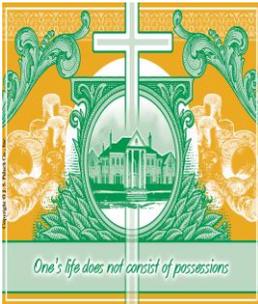
CONFIRMATION – We are now taking applications for Confirmation in our Religion Education office in the school building. Bring your child’s Birth, Baptismal and First Holy Communion Certificate! Our office hours are 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you child has not be Baptized or made their First Holy Communion, please sign them up for Night Owls. For more information, please contact Michael Verceles at 510-782-4292.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – We are now taking applications for RCIA in our Religion Education Office. This preparation program is for those wishing to become Catholics, and those Catholics who have not yet receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Our office hours are 12Noon until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. For mor information, please contact Michael Verceles at 510-782-4292.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Reflection question:

How has the Lord answered my prayers?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK (Read prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit)

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21; **Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14; **Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28; **Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23 **Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28; **Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36; **Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Scott Dodge, David Owens, Maria Del Carmen Lopez Jimenez, Salvador Jimenez Navarro, Ernesto Vazquez Reinoso, Corazon Gutierrez, Yolanda Nasoles, Michael Santiago, Armand Foz, Trinidad Cadiang and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY, Kara Sabariza, Karen Conlon, Palmira Fernandez, Perfeveranda Nuqui, Raul Jauregui, Alvaro Cortez, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – July 23/24 – \$13,280.01 - Thank you and God Bless you.



MORE NEWS UPDATES

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – Confirmation parents and candidates you should have received an email from Michael letting you what time and date you will be receiving your Confirmation. The Confirmation candidates that are making their Confirmation on Saturday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a mandatory Parent and Candidate meeting on Thursday, August 4th at 5:00 p.m., and the Candidates that are making theirs at 1:30 p.m. the mandatory Parent and Candidate meeting will be on Thursday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Verceles at 510-782-4292 or Linda Montoya at 510-782-2171.

TECH SUPPORT SESSIONS – 1 – on – 1 Tech Support Sessions schedule at the Downtown Hayward Library. Tech Support Sessions welcome all members of the public to either walk-in or make an appointment with a tutor. Individuals can receive general, basic tech support to assist with developing computer and digital literacy skills. Patrons can bring in their own devices or check out a device from the Hayward Public Library.

Tech Support Schedule: Mondays, 10:30-12:30pm – Tuesdays, 10:30-12:30pm - Wednesday, 3-5pm – Thursdays, 4-6pm – Fridays, 10:30-12:30pm – Saturdays, 10:30-12:30pm.
