The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

WHY ARE WE HERE? — We begin today with a basic question for all of us: Why are we here? Why do we gather each week for this liturgy we call the Mass? There are probably a lot of answers to that question. Some of us come because it’s a habit. Others come because they are grateful for God’s gifts. And many of us come for several of those reasons combined.

More basic than all of those reasons, however, we all come because God has called us here. It was God who chose us to be members of the Church. It was God who called us to share God’s own life through baptism. It was God who called us to carry on the mission of Christ in the world today. We come in response to God’s call.

And we come for Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. We gather here each week to give God thanks and praise. Sometimes we may forget that. It’s easy to focus on what we hope to get out of coming to church rather than on giving thanks for what God has already given us.

The most important thing we find when we gather here is the presence of Christ himself. Christ reveals his presence to us in various ways. He is present in our very gathering, living in each of us who are his tabernacles. He is present as the leader of our worship. He speaks directly to us when God’s word is proclaimed in our midst. He offers us his own body and blood as our food and drink so that we will be more closely united with him and with one another.

We come because Christ is here and because he calls us. Through baptism we all became members of his body, and we come here to remember who we are. Here we are reunited with one another and with him who is our head. And when we leave here, we go forth carrying Christ with us, taking him to our world that is in need of his presence and his love. He teaches us and feeds us here to strengthen us to be Christ-bearers all week. Let us go forth from this place to love and serve the Lord. – Fr. Matt

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Now that summer has “officially” started we begin a period of time that can be quite challenging for our parish’s financial health. As the attendance at our weekend liturgies dwindles, so can the weekly support of our parishioners: a very good reason to consider using OSV Online Giving! The challenge lies in the fact that our financial responsibilities do not go away during the months of June, July, and August. Summer is a time for us to do some extra maintenance work around the parish. At the same time, our utility bills (water and electricity) are the largest of any season in the year as we attempt to keep the lawns green and the buildings cool enough for our celebrations and our work. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD’S GIFTS!

**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — Norman Sykes, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Lindsie Stadilgaard, Erik Stadilgaard, William McIntyre, Cecilia V. Suarez, Theresa Dibbs, Joan Sterling, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen, Fr. Thierry Gers

**FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** — Robert Parcell, Judith Ann Canales, Magi, William Leonne, Aminta Schembri, Frank M. Briggs, Hong Lee, Fr. Tony Melina, Irene Zupon, Marguerite Chang, Marianne Pelligrini, Michel Boudart

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com

**Sunday Intentions**

Sunday, June 10:
7:30 am STA … Marguerite Chang †
10:30 am OLR … Freyre Family (sp. int.)
10:30 am STA … Clothilda Rita Wait †
Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116; Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**Monday, June 11:**
St. Barnabas
8:30 am OLR … Bishop P. McGrath (sp. int.)
12:15 pm STA … Delsie Aranha †
Readings: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday, June 12:**
8:30 am OLR … Debbie Culligan †
12:15 pm STA … James & Edith Dubbs †
Readings: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday, June 13:**
St. Anthony of Padua
8:30 am OLR … Frank M. Briggs †
12:15 pm STA … Adrena (sp. int.)
Readings: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, June 14:**
Readings: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday, June 15:**
12:15 pm STA … Catherine McCosker †
Readings: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 5:8-12, 14-19; In 19:31-37

**Saturday, June 16:**
5:00 pm SAG … James Cesano Sr. †
Readings: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Lk 2:41-51

**PREACHERS SCHEDULE**

Saturday & Sunday June 16 & 17, 2012
St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm ….. Fr. Seimas
Sun 9:00 am ….. Fr. Stanley
Sun 11:00 am ….. Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas
Sun 7:30 am………. Fr. Hester
Sun 8:45 am………. Fr. Rubio
Sun 10:30 am………. Fr. Seimas
Sun 12 noon………. Fr. Krommholdt, O.P.

Our Lady of the Rosary
Sun 9:00 am ….. Fr. Valenton
Sun 10:30 am ….. Fr. Valenton
We need to shift the way we view initiation sacraments: bring it out of the classroom and into the assembly,” according to the book RCIA-Transforming the Church. The primary responsibility for initiation formation does not rest with catechists, books, or peer gatherings, though these are important components of an initiation process. Yes, information IS necessary. But more important is that Inquirers experience Catholic teachings and ways within the living, praying, serving community of the faithful. Therefore, the RCIA process offers an important challenge to our community — How do we parishioners fulfill our call to discipleship. Please contact Jean at 494-2496 X34 if you know any adult who is interested in receiving any of the Initiation sacraments.

Our Seminarian
Michael Gray was blessed by the many who came to wish him well.

Catholic Communication Campaign — This Sunday
Help Us Connect the World with God’s Word! Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the Collection stays right here in San Jose to support the work of our Valley Catholic newspaper, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in next week’s Collection to help us spread the Good News. Please visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org for more information.

Children Need Rides To Hidden Villa Camp
The Summer Camp at Beautiful Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos Hills, will be providing scholarships for 69 children from East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park this summer. To make this happen, volunteers are needed to provide rides for the campers between their homes in the East Palo Alto area to/from Los Altos Hills. For more information and to schedule a time to drive, please call George Chippendale, 856-6350.
**MUSICIAN NEEDED**

Musician needed for monthly mass on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm at Lytton Gardens. The mass is well attended by the seniors who live there. We need a regular/alternate piano player or someone who plays guitar or any small musical instrument to help with the music. If you are able to help please contact Mary Fong at 650-494-1660.

**ITALIAN DINNER**

Interested in getting involved in one of the newer parish events? The second Italian Dinner will be held August 4 in the Thomas House. If you would like to help in food preparation or various hospitality functions please call Ted at 321-6179 or send an email to tabaer@sbcglobal.net. This is a great opportunity to get to know people and simultaneously contribute to parish community.

**AFTER-SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The Rosalie Rendu Center in East Palo Alto is in need of volunteers for our after school homework club. Students, Grades K - 6th come to the Center for assistance with their homework. Tutors are needed Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer for one or more days a month assisting our children please contact Sister Trinitas at (650) 473-9522. Helping children complete homework assignments makes a difference in the learning abilities of children. You are invited to participate in this important ministry. The Rosalie Rendu Center is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity. Thank you!

**YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE**

Young Adult Bible Study, Tues. July 10th at 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary — Over the next several months, we are going to focus on some common questions we face as Christians. The topic this month is "Twenty Arguments for the Existence of God". We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to join us this summer!

Dinner at Slider Bar Cafe, Tues. June 19th at 7:30PM, 324 University Ave. — The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.