Senior Luncheon

The Sr. Luncheon will be this Monday, May 2nd at noon. All Seniors and any caregivers are invited to attend this social event. Please let Dede know if you can make it by calling her at 650 854-5976, then press 4.

First Communion Celebrations

Please join these children as they receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time! Keep them and their families in your prayers.

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NEED A RIDE TO MASS?

If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available. Please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657.
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As an orphan, I will never know who my birth parents are. It is just not possible. My adopted mother used to tell me when I was a wee lad how I was found in a field and brought to a Catholic orphanage in Inchon, Korea. Given my early beginnings, I have always had the issue of abandonment well into my adult years. It is something I have struggled with most of my life. There are certain experiences that trigger this sense of abandonment. When it happens, it feels so powerless and helpless. I feel overwhelmed. Fear overcomes me. But then there is my faith.

Thank God for my faith. I do not know where I would be without my faith. My faith has saved me in many ways. Today’s gospel passage reminds me that I am not alone in life, that I am not abandoned. Even though I am an abandoned child and I will never know anything about my biological father and mother, I am not abandoned by God our Father.

Jesus mentions with great conviction that we are never abandoned or alone in life. Jesus emphatically says that God the Father will love us. Also, God and he will come to us, and they will make their dwelling with us as long as we keep his word. Believing this with all my heart, I feel a deep sense of peace and gratitude. I am a child of God, a son of the Holy Father, a daughter of the Mother of God. I am not abandoned. In my faith I am loved. I am not alone. In my faith I have a father and a mother who love me. In my faith I have a family and a home. In my faith I have a place to belong.

At the Preparation of the Gifts, formerly known as the Offertory, bread and wine are brought up to the altar as a way of focusing attention on these two elements of worship. In the Middle Ages this practice evolved into an elaborate recitation of prayers often known as the “Little Canon.” Today the structure of this rite has been simplified to prepare the altar, the gifts, and the community for the sacrificial offering to come. The Preparation of the Gifts is really the “entering in” of the Eucharistic celebration.

Dede

Preparation of the Gifts

In the last few months we have reviewed elements of the Liturgy of the Word. Now we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist in our overview of the Mass. While the Eucharist celebration was originally connected to a meal, certain practical difficulties arose with larger and larger numbers of participants and varied customs between Jewish and gentle Christians. Gradually, the Eucharist became separate from a meal and the sharing of the bread and wine were placed on the table together, consecrated in thanksgiving together, and shared together.

Sheila

Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS
Sat. April 30 5:30 pm Jane Smith (+)
Sun. May 1 7:30 am For Pope Francis
9:30 am Christian Unity
11:30 am For Families
Mon. May 2 8:00 am The St. Denis Parishioners
Tues. May 3 8:00 am For the Pope
Wed. May 4 8:00 am Special Intentions
Thurs. May 5 8:00 am For Pope Francis
Fri. May 6 8:00 am For Students

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
Sat. April 30 4:30 pm For Families
Sun. May 1 9:30 am For Students

In your charity, please pray for...


Religious Education

LAST REGULAR CLASSES THIS WEEK

Our regular Religious Ed classes will finish for the year TODAY, Sunday, May 1.
We had a wonderful year with your children!
Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 25.
Registration will be available on our parish website beginning in June.
We will be offering a Liturgy of the Word program during the summer at the 9:30am Mass.
All school age children are welcome to join us!

Next week, May 7th & 8th is Catholic Charities Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, & many most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even the most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities.
For more information on the work of Catholic Charities and how you can help strengthen families and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415 971-1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you participated in the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl project,
it’s time to bring your filled bowls to church!
There is a basket in the back of the church during Easter season.
See where your donations go by checking out their website at www.crsricebowl.org
And thank you in advance for your generosity!

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Stewardship

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal) $372,300.00
July 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 $289,264.56
Monthly Goal-March 2016 $24,600.00 (Does not include Easter)
March Sunday Collections $33,741.84
Easter 2016 $26,082.00
2016 Annual Appeal $83,000.00
Contributions to Date $87,257.00

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

In your charity, please pray for...

NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH