Welcome to Our Vicar General, Fr. Mockel

He will confirm one hundred and nineteen of our Youngsters this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! – To our young people (119) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May this special gift of the Holy Spirit they received transform them throughout their lives. Our congratulations are extended to their families and sponsors. Remember that those newly confirmed young people will continue to need your love, guidance, support and example. What you have to give is truly irreplaceable. Thank you for what you have and will continue to do. Special thanks to our parish Confirmation director Linda Montoya, her co-workers and the many other young people who were involved in a leadership role. We thank them for their dedication and hard work in preparing our “newly confirmed” youngsters for this wonderful sacrament. Our gratitude also, to the many “teacher of faith” who generously gave of themselves to these newly confirmed. Thank you to Vicar General, Fr. Mockel, of the Diocese of Oakland, who administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to these youngsters.

REFLECTION

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord’s suffering, death and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality – fifty days to savor the experience of Christ’s dying and rising for us.

NEWS UPDATE

FESTIVAL NEWS – MAY 15, 16, 17 – RESERVE THESE DATES. Raffle tickets have been mailed out. Grand Prize $2,000.00!!! We need your generosity and help in selling them - $10.00 per ticket. We will mail out two tickets to each household. Buy one Sell one! If you are interested in sponsoring a booth by making a Cash donation of $100.00, we will hang a sign with either your name (company’s name), or the name of someone you would like to donate “in memory of.” If you would like to help out please contact Linda Montoya at 510-782-2171.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREATS – Has an abortion left you with a broken heart? Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats renew hearts broken by abortion. Our next retreat is April 24-26, offering a loving and supportive environment where women and men can reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of Renewal and healing. Rachel’s Vineyard is therapy for the soul. For confidential inquiries, contact Gloria Maldonado at 510-384-6875 or email gloriamaldonado375@sbcglobal.net or visit www.afterthechoice.org for more information.

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2015
You alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.
— Psalm 4:9