

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am finally back to our parish after two months of a very successful mission in Hanoi, North Vietnam. There at the Grand Seminary of St. Joseph: I taught Scriptures and English, 16 hours per week. All the professors were very nice. All of the seminarians, about 250 (from 8 different dioceses in the North), were very respectful, friendly and so studious, and particularly so eager to learn English. I told them that while I was with them teaching, my whole parish of St. Mary's by the Sea in Huntington Beach, California, was praying for me and all of them. They are so thrilled to have the Diocese of Orange as a sister Diocese of the Archdiocese of Hanoi. They send you all their sincere gratitude for supporting and praying for them. They will continue to pray for us! Please continue to pray for them.

On another note, I have already spoken to our Bishop, and we have good news: Bishop Brown, with all his love/charity and care, is going to allow us to have the Tridentine Mass here, starting with the First Sunday of Advent (December 02, 2007). Therefore, we need to continue to prepare worthily for this!

May God bless you all!

Your servant/brother in Christ,

Fr. Martin

“March of the Toy Soldiers”

St. Catherine's Military Academy is pleased to announce our annual Dinner with a Silent and Live Auction at our “March of the Toy Soldiers” on **Saturday, November 17th**, from **6:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Please call or drop by their office to get tickets to a great and fun event! Tickets are \$45 each. Please wear Christmas attire. Call (714) 772-1363.

Calling All Veterans!

All Veterans are invited to attend an annual Veteran's Day Celebration at St. John the Baptist Church on **Thursday, November 8th** at **1:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served immediately after. Please RSVP to St. John the Baptist School at (714) 557-5060.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Next weekend, **November 10th & 11th**, is the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Drive for Thanksgiving. You may give your food and financial contributions to one of the St. Vincent de Paul members who will be outside after all the Masses. After next weekend, you can still turn in your donations to the office. A contribution of **\$15.00** will provide a needy family with a basket of food for Thanksgiving. Any coupons for turkeys or ham are welcome, too. You may also use the special envelopes in the pew racks for monetary donations.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is also **actively seeking volunteers**. Commitment is not much... only one to two hours per week is all that is needed. In addition to Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter baskets, they hand out food for 2 hours each week to persons in need who are located within our parish boundaries. Please consider giving your time for this most rewarding organization. Many people depend on them. For further information, please speak with one of their members next weekend during the food drive, or contact the parish office at **(714) 536-6913, x-112**.

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations 10/28.....\$190.00

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be **packing food boxes** for the needy this **Saturday, November 10th**. If you would like to help, please meet in the church parking lot **after the 8 a.m. Mass**.

Altar Guild

Donations 10/28.....\$95.00

The Altar Guild will have their monthly meeting **Monday, November 5th** at noon in the Family Room.

***All Have a Duty to Pray
for the Poor Souls***

Pray for the deceased, so that when they shall have attained eternal life, they will not fail to pray for you They who are lying in torments cry out to us daily – and few answer them; they utter their mournful plea, and there is none to comfort them. How awful a cruelty! Truly, this is a great inhumanity!

Consider for a moment: If a man lying ill on his bed cries out in pain, his suffering is relieved by the doctor! A pig squeals, and all the other pigs in the lot squeal with it; a donkey falls, and all hasten to help him up; but a member of the faithful cries out in torments, **and none answer his plea!**

–St. Augustine

Worldliness or Heaven

In this life men lose sleep, are anxious and worried about amassing this or that; they want bigger houses, larger incomes, high social status; they wish to make a great name for themselves in their countries and neighborhoods so that people will speak of them after they are dead.

It is not for me to condemn such, but neither do I commend.

For, according to St. Paul, a man should use things of this world as though he used them **NOT**; **FOR THE MANNER OF THIS WORLD LASTS FOR SO SHORT A TIME.**

I beg you, for the love of God, our Lord, work with might and main to gain treasure in heaven, to win a great name there and strive to live in the memory of **Him Who** must one day - - judge us.

–St. Ignatius Loyola

Mission Statement

Jesus comes “to serve, not to be served”
(Mt. 20, 28)

St. Mary’s by the Sea is a Catholic/Christian community of faith, hope, and love, journeying together in the spirit of hospitality, stewardship, respect, unity and charity, welcoming and serving all brothers and sisters in Christ, under the mantle of Our Lady.

Jest Kidding

Many centuries ago, churches attracted the attention of the people with cross-topped steeples. The taller the steeple, the better. This being the case, there was once a village church with a steeple that could be seen for miles around. It was perfect, except for one thing – the bell wouldn’t ring.

The church fathers invited people from all over to try their hands at remedying the problem – but to no avail.

One day, a small fellow came to the church and announced to the Pastor, “*I can make the bell ring!*”

The pastor said, “*Okay, try it.*”

So the little guy climbed up to the base of the belfry in the steeple, took three steps back, and then ran into the bell with his face. BONG! The bell rang, and the man was hired on the spot.

Sometime later, on a windy day, as the little man was running toward the bell, the wind moved it, causing the small bell ringer to fall out of the steeple and down onto the ground far below. As a crowd gathered, the Pastor asked, “*Does anyone know this fellow’s name?*” A woman who was standing nearby bent down to look at him and then replied, “*I don’t know his name, but his face sure rings a bell!*”

RESPECT LIFE

Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance can turn to the Pro-Life Movement.

Birth Choice - Irvine
(800) 631-6254

Horizon Pregnancy Center - H.B.
(714) 442-9699

Los Angeles Pregnancy Services
(213) 382-5643

Hội Cứu Mạng Thai Nhi

Viet ProLife (Santa Ana)

Nancy Nhung Phan

1-714-721-8557



Thank You

October 28, 2007

Building Fund \$309.00
CCD \$15.00
Specials \$75.00
Sunday Collection..... \$3,668.00

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