

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that: to believe in Jesus means to believe in the Father who sent Him and the Spirit of Jesus.

First, the Father and the Son:

“For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his ‘Beloved Son’, in whom the Father is ‘well pleased’; God tells us to listen to him (Mk 1,11; cf. 9,7). The Lord himself said to his disciples: ‘Believe in God, believe also in me (Jn 14,1). We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: ‘No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known’ (Jn 1,18). Because he ‘has seen the Father’, Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him” (Jn 6,46; cf. Mt 11,27) (CCC, #152).

Second, the Holy Spirit:

“One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For ‘no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’, except by the Holy Spirit’ (1Cor 12,3), who ‘searches everything, even the depths of God... No one comprehends the thought of God, except the Spirit of God’ (1Cor 2,10-11). Only God knows God completely: we believe in the Holy Spirit because he is God.

The Church never ceases to proclaim her faith in one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” (CCC, #152).

We know for sure that our life, family and community are supposed to share and imitate the life, family and community of the Holy Trinity only by the redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only through Him, with and in Him, we become children of God, His brothers and sisters and brother and sisters of one another by the power of the Holy Spirit, sent into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore, our relationship with God and others is supposed to be in three dimensions: God-I-neighbor. In other words, WE are supposed to love GOD and OTHERS as Jesus has commanded us. This would help us to celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity Who is LOVE and share their Love to us through creation-redemption-sanctification!

“Love one another as I love you” (Jn 15,12).

May God bless all of you!

Your servant/brother in Christ,

Fr. Martin

Aid to Parishes & Schools in Need Fund

The Most Reverend Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Orange has called on parishioners within the diocese to raise an estimated \$400,000 for the Aid to Parishes and Schools in Need Fund (APSN) this weekend, May 17th and 18th. The APSN assists communities that have a diminished ability to raise operating funds for parish programs and parochial schools due to socioeconomic pressures within their communities. The \$400,000 will supplement what is contributed by the Pastoral Service Appeal (PSA), the principal funding source for Diocesan ministries. This essential program has contributed more than \$2 million since 2005 to parishes and schools in need, in addition to the more than \$5 million contributed to “at risk” schools as a part of Bishop Brown’s Catholic School Assistance Program announced in June 2007.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Second Vatican Council very much emphasized the participation of the laity in many dimensions of the Mass. Principal among these are the roles of **Lector** and **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** (Sac. Conc., III, #66,68). The Church teaches that lay people are commissioned for these ministries. As the Mass itself is divided into two main parts – the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist – so these two ministries contribute to each. The Lector is “*the one who has been officially commissioned to read passages from holy scripture other than those taken from the Gospels*” (Sac. Conc., III, #66), and the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is commissioned in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Through serving in these two ministries, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion fulfill significant roles reserved by the Church specifically for the laity.

If you would like more information on becoming either a Lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Church office at (714) 536-6913, x-112.

Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a meeting for members of the Pastoral Council this **Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations 5/11 \$232.00

Altar Guild

Donations 5/11 \$50.00

Corpus Christi Procession

There will be a procession for Corpus Christi next **Sunday, May 25th**, to publicly honor Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament after the **12:00 noon Mass** (approximately 1 p.m.). All parishioners are encouraged to take part in this beautiful procession around the block with the Priest carrying the Most Blessed Sacrament (in the Monstrance) and the people following, singing hymns. All ministries are also encouraged to have a representative present to carry their banner.

In addition, flower girls are needed to lead the way for the Priest, tossing rose petals on the ground (these will be provided). All participants who are not attending the noon Mass are asked to arrive at 1:10 p.m. and meet in front of the Church. Girls may wear fancy dresses, and for those who just made their First Holy Communion, they may wear their same white dress.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the Church office or call The Lieblings at (714) 964-6110.

Memorial Mass, Dedication of the Courtyard & Reception to be held for Fr. Daniel Johnson

On **Saturday, May 31st**, St. Mary's by the Sea will be celebrating the life of her former pastor, Rev. Daniel Johnson, who passed away March 18, 2007 after serving St. Mary's for 25+ years. It will begin with a Memorial Mass to be held at **10:00 a.m.** At the end of Mass, Fr. Martin will dedicate the courtyard to Fr. Johnson with a remembrance plaque to be displayed in his honor. We will then have a potluck reception where we will share stories, pictures and memories. If you would like to bring a dish, please call the Church office (536-6913, x-112) and let them know what you will bring.

May Crowning

Our May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on **Sunday, May 31st**, right before the 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Fr. Daniel Johnson. Children participating in the procession are asked to meet at the fountain in the courtyard at **9:40 a.m.** All children in the parish are encouraged to join the procession and crowning.

Married Couples Retreat

A weekend retreat for married couples will be given by Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., **May 23-25, 2008**. Registration will **begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd**, followed by dinner, and **end at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday after Mass**. There will be an opportunity for confession, group conferences, spiritual direction, Eucharistic Adoration, private prayer time and more. To make reservations or for further information, please call (626) 289-1353, x-218.

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.

Painting Schedule for St. Mary's

In our efforts to beautify St. Mary's by the Sea, we will begin the painting of the inside of the Church over a two-week period beginning on **Monday, June 2nd after the 8:00 am. Mass**. The remaining schedule is as follows:

June 3rd & 4th: NO daily Mass

June 10th & 11th: NO daily Mass

Please note that the Church will only be closed for two days each week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). It will re-open each Thursday for daily Mass and Adoration as usual.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our parishioners, but know the Church will be more beautiful when the painting is complete.

Jest Kidding

Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting, and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop would stop the flow of traffic and shout, "Okay, pedestrians." After that, he'd once again allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy finally went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

PSA Update - "Thank You"

94 pledges received\$34,456

Thank You
May 11, 2008

Specials \$101.00
Building Fund \$226.00
Paper Drive \$59.24
Regular Collection..... \$4,424.00