

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next month, on **Sunday, July 20th**, our parish will have a "**Summer Parish Afternoon Luau**" (3:00-7:00 p.m.): this is **a community event of our parish as God's family**. Every week we gather for worshipping God as God's family, as a community of faith, as brothers and sisters; these gatherings are the most important gatherings of our parish; but we also need social gatherings, so we can socialize and get to know each other, so as to support, love and better serve one another! God never wants us to live only as individuals, but also as a community/family of faith and love. Just like our natural family, most of us do know one another very well. God's family is based on the same principle, but with much more: for we will live forever with **God and one another**. **If we do not know, love and serve each other well, or better and better every day, every week, every month or year on this earth, how can we live together happily forever in heaven with God and with one another?**

In this spirit, I strongly encourage all families to come together as God's one family to socialize with one another, which means to know, to support, to love and serve one another as children of God, Jesus' brothers and sisters, and brothers and sisters of one another. The "**Summer Afternoon Parish Luau**" sponsored by the Pastoral Council is one way, among many others, to express our bond/love for one another: believe me, the better we know one another, the better we support and love one another. This is exactly one aspect of the extended mystery of the Incarnation: God came among us in the person of Jesus, living, socializing, having meals, sharing, caring, supporting, serving and loving all of us so much, that we need to do the same: not simply through Mass, prayers, meetings, adoration, but also through social activities/meals to meet new parish members, to share news, lives, stories and care among old and new friends/brothers and sisters in Christ. Please do not miss this opportunity!

This summer also, beginning this Monday and Tuesday, June 23rd and 24th, **St. Mary's by the Sea Little Flower Girls' Club Ministry** is promoting devotion to St. Therese of the Child Jesus through a 10-course summer session for young girls (as one aspect of our parish's youth ministry for girls). If there are any families with young girls who are interested in this ministry program, please contact Mrs. Tierney, or call the parish office for more information. God will surely bless them with this ministry, through the intercession of St. Therese!

May God bless you all!

Your servant/brother in Christ,

Fr. Martin

Ballot Initiative AB 2747 - End-of-Life Care (Physician-Assisted Suicide Bill)

Despite 3 failed attempts in 3 years, the Physician-Assisted Suicide agenda is again being promoted with **AB 2747, End-of-Life Care**. There are major ethical and safety problems with this bill, which was **passed** by the Assembly and now will be heard in the Senate Health Committee **this coming Wednesday, June 25th!**

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Contact your State Senator (Sen. Tom Harman) RIGHT AWAY and urge him to OPPOSE AB 2747!

(*Please see blue flyer inside this Bulletin.)

The Legion of Mary - "Come & See!"

Each weekend, at a small stand called the "**Bookbarrow**", the Legion of Mary provides free Catholic literature to the public and the opportunity for conversation with anyone who may be interested. (Although, sometimes just their presence does the talking!) **Come & see!** You will find them in front of the **IHOP Restaurant** at **Main Street & Olive Avenue** most **Sundays** between **1:30 and 3:30 p.m.** Observe one of the evangelizing works of this Apostolate (Refugium Peccatorum Praesidium), and consider joining them!

"On all Christians therefore is laid the preeminent responsibility of working to make the divine message of salvation known and accepted by all men throughout the world." DECREE ON THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LAITY.

"Little Flowers Girls Ministry" Summer Program

The 10-course summer session for *St. Mary's by the Sea Little Flowers Girls' Club*, will begin this week **Monday & Tuesday, June 23rd & 24th**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the **Family Room**. Classes thereafter will meet twice per week for four additional weeks.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to the first class. This will allow you sufficient time beforehand to complete any registration papers that may be due.

Altar Guild

Donations 6/15..... \$80.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations 6/15..... \$440.00

Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting for members of the Finance Council this **Wednesday, June 25th**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room.

Universal Church Collection

Our **Universal Church Collection** will be taken up next weekend, **June 28-29**. This special collection combines the following:

- **Catholic Relief Services** - Their mission is to assist the poor and disadvantaged in over 100 countries by alleviating human suffering, promoting development of all people, and fostering charity and justice internationally.
- **Peter's Pence** - This promotes and supports the works of our Holy Father, enabling him to respond with emergency financial assistance to those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters throughout the world.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Giant Church Rummage Sale!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

8345 Talbert Avenue, Hunt. Beach
(Between Beach Blvd. & Newland Ave.)

June 27th & 28th ~ 8:30 a.m.

Donations for St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to the many people who donate items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be reminded that when you do bring in supplies, clothing, etc., to ensure that the items are **boxed or in bags**. (Their thrift store pick-up truck we call once we have accumulated too many items, will now only take goods that have been boxed or are in bags.) In addition, if the goods you are donating are large in size or number, please contact the office first at (714) 536-6913, x-112. We will give you the telephone number for the S.V.D.P. Thrift Store and the items which can be picked up at your residence. (St. Mary's does not have extra space to store a lot of items.) Thank you.

Boy's Choir

St. Mary's by the Sea Boy's Choir is now being formed. Boy's voices (**ages 8-12**) are needed. Deacon Erwin will be conducting training sessions during July and August. For further details, please call Deacon Erwin at (714) 536-8927.

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.

VOLUNTEERS
needed for
LUAU!!

If you would like to help us with the Luau and have a great time doing it... then please contact Jacquie Roza at (714) 840-9417.

Jest Kidding

An Italian who had made his fortune in America returned to his tiny native village in the heart of the mountains. His father, who had never gone outside the village, asked his son, "Luigi, they tell me they have instruments in America that let you talk to people over long distances."

"That's right, Papa. They call it the telephone."

"And how does this thing work, this machine?"

"Well, first you pick up this thing in your left hand, then with your right hand you start to dial..."

"WAIT! Both hands? You need both hands to work this machine?" asked the astonished Italian father. "Then how do you talk???"

Thank You

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Building Fund	\$181.00
Specials	\$245.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$15.00
Regular Collection	\$4,623.00