

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We already know that we have several ministries in our parish. In order to develop our ministry to its fullest, we need lots of attention, care and guidance. This time, please allow me to elaborate more about **adoration**.

First, adoration is not simply an honor and responsibility for individuals, but also for groups to come together so to worship/adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Second, we have many groups in our parish serving different ministries, such as Altar Guild, Altar Servers, Legions of Mary, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Pastoral Council, Financial Council, St. Matthew Society, Pro-life/Peace & Justice Committee/Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society and so on. May I suggest that once a month, one or two of these ministries gather together as a group, taking different hours on First Friday for adoration: for example, on the First Friday of June, all the members of the Altar Guild can gather together from 7:00PM to 8:00PM for adoration as a group; Legions of Mary can gather together as a big group (from three Praesidia) for adoration from 8:00PM to 9:00PM or from 9:00PM to 10:00PM. Then, on the First Friday of July, other ministries such as Pro-life/Peace & Justice, can plan to do the same. The only thing you need to do is organize it ahead of time and let Sean Lieblang (the head of the Adoration ministry) know. We can announce it in the bulletin and/or from the pulpit for you and invite other parishioners to join you to pray for the end of abortion or the end of the culture of death, and so on.

Third, this is one among several suggested formats for group adoration:

- 1) Opening song or prayer;
- 2) Praying the rosary;
- 3) Reading a passage from the Scriptures, particularly from the gospels, or spiritual reading, or reading from the lives of the saints;
- 4) Quiet time for reflection and personal prayer;
- 5) Concluding song or prayer!

Adoration as a group will help strengthen our communal/ecclesiastical relation with the Lord and with one another as one united Body of Christ.

May God bless you all!

Your servant/brother in Christ,

Fr. Martin

Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting for members of the Finance Council this **Wednesday, May 23rd** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room.

Pro-Life Speaker Series

St. Mary's by the Sea Church

"Nine Ways of Being an Accessory to Another One's Sin"

May 30, 2007

6:30 p.m. in the Family Room

All are Invited

(Children – Ages 13 and up, only)

St. Michael's Summer Camp

The Norbertines of St. Michael's Abbey will be hosting a summer camp for boys between the ages of seven and twelve in July and August. Come join the fun (hiking, swimming, campfire, etc.) and learn about the Catholic Faith! Space is limited, so apply early. There are flyers with information and registration in the back of the church.

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations 5/13.....\$264.00

Altar Guild

Donations 5/6.....\$105.00

Flowers for the Church

If you wish to donate flowers to the Church at anytime, we ask that you bring them to the office first or call Bette Barilla (our floral arranger) directly at (714) 960-1128. Thank you.

Married Couples Retreat

Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, will conduct a weekend retreat for married couples on **May 25-27** at Sacred Heart Retreat House. There will be group conferences, spiritual direction, Holy Mass on Saturday and Sunday, an opportunity for Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and private time for prayer and reflection. To make a reservation and for more information, please contact the Retreat House at (626) 289-1353, x-200. Those of us who have made group retreats at Sacred Heart know the great spiritual refreshment and resources available.

Deanery Peace & Justice General Meeting

Bishop Gerald Barnes and Bishop Jaime Soto will be present at a hearing on Comprehensive Immigration Reform at St. Norbert Catholic Church (300 East Taft Ave. in Orange) on **June 2nd** at **10:00 a.m.** Come to learn more about the issues. For information, contact Ms. Gloria DeNomie at (714) 282-3114.

Holy Communion

It is not to remain in a golden ciborium, that Jesus comes down each day from heaven, but to find another heaven - - the heaven of our soul, in which He takes His delight.

-St. Therese

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

There were two men from out of town who decided to meet up with each other one day. One of the men always took his dog wherever he went and the other man always brought his chinchilla. After visiting with each other for a while, the man with the dog said, "Why don't we go somewhere to get something to eat?" The other man agreed. They called a popular restaurant, but were told there was a 4 hour wait. The two men came up with a plan and went to the restaurant anyways. First, the man with the dog put on some sunglasses and walked in to the restaurant. The maitre de said, "I'm sorry sir, but there are no animals allowed here." The man said, "But I am blind and this is my seeing-eye dog." The maitre de replied, "Oh well, then that's okay. Come right in." Encouraged, the other man put on some dark sunglasses and attached a leash to his chinchilla. He walked in to the restaurant and also asked for a table. The maitre de took one look at him and said, "I'm sorry, but we do not allow animals in this restaurant." The man promptly replied, "Well, I am blind and this is my seeing-eye dog." The maitre de then said, "Sir, that is not a dog, it's a chinchilla."

"What?!?" said the man, "They gave me a chinchilla????"

-(Thanks to Taryn Ransom for her help with this joke!)

RESPECT LIFE

Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance can turn to the Pro-Life Movement. People anywhere in the country can find help at the following numbers:

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
1-888-4options
National Life Center
1-800-238-4269



Thank You

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Specials \$773.00
Building Fund \$91.00
Sunday Collection \$6,674.00

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PSA Update (as of 5/13/07)

(93) Pledges Total Amt Pledged = \$32,372