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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2006

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Dear Parishioners,

Last Tuesday evening we concluded our summer Adult Education Series with Fr. Michael Dibble's, now annual, review of favorite books and movies. As usual it was a great evening. You can check our website ([www.ctkph.org](http://www.ctkph.org)) for a full listing of Michael's recommendations, as well as listings from previous years. This does not in any way signal the end of adult learning for the year. Upcoming opportunities include:

- **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**: "Dying to Live" an important evening on a crucial issue for our time, Church and Land – debate on immigration reform. The evening will include a twenty minute film, brief presentation by our teens (from Tijuana), by our St. Vincent de Paul representatives and lots of discussion.
- **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**: "The Inquiry Season" begins for those considering becoming Catholic – a weekly process with such topics as "Catholicism in a Nutshell", "Overview of the Bible" and "Vatican II: Shaping the Modern Church"!
- **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**: "Our Bereavement Workshop" a seven week series for those who continue to deal with the loss of a loved one.
- **Monday, October, 16<sup>th</sup>**: "Reconciliation Today" is an evening talk on whatever happened to confession – designed especially for parents of second graders but open to all interested adults.
- **Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**: "Returning Catholics" will offer a four week series for Catholics who have taken a "vacation" from the Church for one reason or another and would be interested in another look.

In addition our very active Adult Education Committee meets on August 28<sup>th</sup> to develop future plans for more valuable and interesting adult learning events.

**The Feast of the Assumption of Mary** occurs on Tuesday (August 15<sup>th</sup>) of this week. It is one of the few remaining "holy days of obligation". We offer a mass at 8:00 am and again at 7:00 pm. I know "holy days" have become hard to remember, easy to forget and difficult to get to. This celebration of Mary dates back to the 400's in the Eastern Catholic Church and to 600's in the west. Please join us for mass if you can, and if you can't we have a God who does understand!

After masses today we have a young member of our parish requesting support for her work as a Jesuit Volunteer working as a case manager in New Orleans. She is trying to raise \$500 to cover expenses for her year long project. Help out if you can.

As of this writing the tragic conflict continues in Israel – Lebanon. From day one Pope Benedict XVI and the U.S. Bishops have taken a clear and aggressive stand. I include their comments in today's fold-out and continue to ask for prayers for a just and lasting peace.

Your Pastor,  
Brian T. Joyce

P.S. We hear at all masses today from a first year theology student studying for ordination for the Diocese of Oakland – welcome Brendan Macadaeg.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- SUNDAY** -**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-**Second collection for School, RE, and Youth Ministry**  
-Summer Produce Harvest Continues
- TUESDAY** -**Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Masses at 8 am & 7 pm**  
-Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, following 8 am Mass  
-RE Registration, New & Returning Families, Children 4 yrs to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, RE Office, 10am-4:30 pm and 6:30-7:30 pm (RE office closed from 12 noon to 1 pm)  
-Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CVMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038  
-Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY** -RE Registration, New & Returning Families, Children 4 yrs to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, RE Office, 10am-4:30 pm and 6:30-7:30 pm (RE office closed from 12 noon to 1 pm)  
-St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, Ministry Cntr (Chapel), 7pm  
-Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. Call 932-0395)
- THURSDAY** -Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm  
-Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), Following 10:00 am Mass  
-RE Registration, New & Returning Families, Children 4 yrs to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, RE Office, 10am-4:30 pm (RE office closed from 12 noon to 1 pm)
- THURSDAY** -RE (New Catechists Gr. 1-5 only) Catechist Meeting, RE Office, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY** -55+ Monthly TGIF Dinner, Chevy's (650 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, Meet 6:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, RSVP Renie 933-4073 or Brenda 687-1259)
- SATURDAY** -Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873
- SUNDAY** -**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** / Summer Produce Harvest Continues
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**Registration RE Classes for Fall 2006-2007** (Children Four years old through grade 8) **New and Returning Families:** wishing to enroll for the first time in RE may register: this Tuesday, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am-4:30 pm and 6:30-7:30 pm, RE Office; this Wednesday & Thursday, **August 16-17<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am-4:30 pm, RE Office  
**August 21-24<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am-4:30 pm, RE Office  
(RE Office **closed** from 12 noon-1:00 pm)

**Religious Ed 3 Year Old Registration** - Registration for Sunday's 3 yr. old program will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> **ONLY**, after the 9:15 am Mass in the RE Office (facing Gregory Ln.). Children **must be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Because of limited space we can only take 26 children. Thanks. Questions: 686-1017, Sr. Maureen.

**Grief Workshop** – The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused and sad. These feelings may linger for years. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Your loss may be recent or it may be years ago. There will be a Fall Grief Ministry Workshop to help you begin the healing process. Dates and times: **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30-9:00 pm through November 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall.**

There are 40 spots available. Call Sr. Joanne or Fr. Aidan at 682-2486 to register or email Fr. Aidan at [ajmcaleenan@att.net](mailto:ajmcaleenan@att.net) to obtain additional information. Registration is required. We are also taking names for the **Divorce Workshop**, scheduled for **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Ministry Center.** There are 20 spots available.

*Ministry to traveling Catholics* – Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)

**Christ the King Basketball CYO Sign-ups for the 2006-2007 Season** – All sign-ups will be held in the gym on August 22, 2006, Tuesday from 6-8 pm. Please call Mark Medeiros at 925-423-7118 with any questions or for further information.

**The Seventh Annual Msgr. Wade Golf Tournament** will be held Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Boundary Oaks Golf Course. Dinner will follow at Blake's Restaurant. For more information call Steve Murphy at 932-7608.

**Searching for a spiritual home!** If your faith journey has led you to visit and worship with us, we invite you to our "no strings" Fall Inquiry Series designed for those wishing to explore the Roman Catholic community. Sessions begin Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. For information, contact Al Garrotto at 252-1008 ([algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net)). For a preview visit [www.ctkph.org](http://www.ctkph.org). Click on "RCIA."

**Junior/Senior Confirmation Registration:** If you are a Junior or Senior in high school, and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, registration forms and a calendar of classes can be found in the back of the church. Or you can download a form on our website at [ctkym.org](http://ctkym.org). If you have any questions, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 676-0979. Registration deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You!** - Christine Eary and the Ang Family express their heart felt thanks to Fr. Brian Joyce, the parish staff and the parish community for all the prayers and intentions offered for Matthew Eary during his illness and recent passing.

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**Commentary and Request**  
**from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on**  
**the Middle East Crisis (issued August 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**The Bishops Position:** The Holy Father, the Holy See, the USCCB Committee on International Policy and the local Church in the Holy Land have spoken out on the human and moral dimensions of the continuing crisis in the Middle East and urged the U.S. to work to: end the current cycle of violence, condemn all attacks on civilians, secure an effective and immediate ceasefire, open humanitarian corridors, oppose disproportionate and indiscriminate actions, and move toward negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians to advance a two-state solution, and ensure the independence of Lebanon.

**Background :** The current cycle of violence in the Middle East was immediately precipitated by provocative acts by Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon, including cross-border attacks and abductions against Israeli military personnel and rocket attacks against Israeli civilians. Israel has a right to defend its citizens, but its military response has been disproportionate and indiscriminate in some instances, endangering Palestinian and Lebanese civilians and destroying civilian infrastructure. Catholic Relief Services staff are on the ground providing humanitarian aid in both Gaza and Lebanon.

**The following points are drawn from and reflect the substance of Church statements and letters by Church leaders:**

- The horrific cycle of violence in the Middle East is destroying the lives of innocent people on all sides of the conflict as well as the hopes for the necessary negotiations and accommodations that could lead to a just peace that offers genuine security to Israelis, a viable state for Palestinians and real independence for the Lebanese people.
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops condemns the terror and provocative acts of Hamas and Hezbollah that precipitated the crises, including cross-border attacks, abductions and the continuing indefensible rocket and missile attacks on innocent citizens.
- Israel clearly has a right to defend itself, but Israel's right to self-defense "does not exempt it from respecting the norms of international law, especially as regards the protection of civilian populations." Israel's response has been in some instances militarily disproportionate and indiscriminate. Indiscriminate attacks on innocent people can not be justified
- Only genuine dialogue and negotiations can bring a lasting and just peace to the region. The recurrent cycle of terrorist attacks, deliberate provocations and disproportionate military responses undermines brave and wise people on all sides who seek a just, two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Regarding Lebanon, the rocket attacks and the bombings of innocent civilians are morally indefensible.