

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 5, 2008



## Reflection on the Word

Once, as Matthew tells the story, a dreamer dreamt of a bountiful grape harvest, though at its heart it may have been a dream of fine wine or a dream of a cash crop juicy enough to pay for his son's college education or a dream of dazzling his beloved with a gift she could not refuse. The story never really says. All it tells is that a property owner planted a vineyard with the idea of someday harvesting a bounty. That's how it is with dreams; they begin with hope in the clouds and tend toward hope made flesh.

Anyway, as the story continues, by deciding to keep the harvest to themselves his workers turn the dream into a devilish nightmare, one that dead-ends; but because dreams refuse to die, the property owner in turn dead-ends the harvesters of the nightmare and starts the dream all over with new workers. End of story; return to dream.

We tend not to think of God as such a perpetual and insistent dreamer, maybe because for us, dreams do not always come to fruition. Nevertheless, dreams are a good portion of why we keep coming back to church each week, because we need to know that God hasn't given up on the vineyard. It's true that some of us come looking to have it pounded into us with a dose of fire and brimstone, and others of us come to be coaxed into goodness by a carrot's worth of grace. Yet underneath it all we come looking for a glimpse of whether God still knows what God is doing. One way or another we come needing to hear the preacher describe the dream, needing to be told that the divine dream is still out there, still giving breath to the master plan, still being harvested.

## For Consideration & Discussion

- ✠ Is there a dream that you are still passionate about? What is its source?
- ✠ What in life is your greatest source of good and holy dreams?

## Responding to the Word

Offering a glimpse of the dream and telling its story and pointing to what it is already becoming moves hearts and spirits both. People who write love songs and sing ballads of courage know it. Movie producers know it, too. And parents who read bedtime stories to their children know it. And lovers who whisper love poems know it. And Jesus Christ knew it and still knows it.

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. Ask God to show you one (or more) ways that you may be called to respond to this week's scriptures —

- ♥ In your relationship with God
- ♥ With family and friends,
- ♥ At work, school, or church,
- ♥ In the broader community.

## From The Archdiocese of San Francisco:

### *Catholic Marriage Revisited:*

#### *What does our Faith tell us about Marriage?*

**Marriage** comes from the loving hand of God, who fashioned both male and female in the divine image. Marriage is both a natural institution and a sacred union because it is rooted in the divine plan for creation. The Church teaches that the valid marriage of baptized Christians is a sacrament, a saving reality. Jesus Christ made marriage a symbol of His love for His Church. This means that a sacramental marriage lets the world see, in human terms, something of the faithful, creative, abundant and self-emptying love of Christ. A true marriage in the Lord with His grace will bring the spouses to holiness. Their love, manifested in fidelity, fertility, generosity, sacrifice, forgiveness and healing, makes known God's love in their family, community and society. This Christian meaning confirms and strengthens the human value of marital union.

— *Bishop Gerald Barnes, San Bernardino*

## Immaculate Heart Radio's "Light on the Hill" Benefit Dinner

October 22nd, 6PM, at St Mary's Cathedral Event Center, 1111 Gough St. San Francisco. Tickets are \$55 per person and \$500 per table of 10. Please call Stephanie Allen at 916-535-0500 ext. 235 to reserve your spot now.



# Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Pre-K through High School  
Nancy Becerra: (650) 574-9191

## Youth Ministry ~ SLY

The Saint Luke Youth Mission Statement  
 † Serving God  
 † Serving the Community  
 † Serving the Youth

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### October

5 Sun.	9:00 am	Pre K/K
8 Wed.	5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Grades 1 thru 4
	7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Grades 5 thru 8
12 Sun.	9:00 am	Pre K/K
15 Wed.	5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Grades 1 thru 4
	7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Grades 5 thru 8
19 Sun.	10:30 am Mass	

*Welcome Mass for First Communicants*

### CONFIRMATION CLASS CALENDAR

#### October

16 Thurs.	7:15 pm—8:45 pm
19 Sun.	5:00 pm Mass

*Welcome Mass for the Candidates*

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

### SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 26th,  
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 1885 Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View, CA  
 (650) 968-1213 www.sfhs.com

Tours for parents and students leave from Raskob Gym every 15 minutes and last approximately 1-1½ hours. You are welcome to join us when it is most convenient. You do not need to register to attend. Online application is available. The deadline for receipt of all applications is on December 17, 2008.

### ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN HIGH SCHOOL

*Educating Young Men in the Marianist Tradition*

Sunday, November 2, 2008  
 Program begins at 10:00 am  
 175 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112  
 (415) 586-8200 www.riordanhs.org

## Respect for Life Month: OCTOBER

Every **October**, we take the time to celebrate the richness of our lives as God has blessed us abundantly so. Each Sunday, special attention will be paid to some of the aspects of our parish life.



Today, **October 5th at noon**, we celebrate those furry (and sometimes not) creations great and small that enter our family circles and complete the loop. So bring your pets as there will be **Blessing of the Animals** in honor of **St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of animals and the environment, who celebrated his Feast Day yesterday, October 4th. Venue is our parish grounds along Beach Park Blvd. in front of the parish office.

On **October 11th and 12th** (Saturday and Sunday), at all Masses, there will be **Anointing of the Sick**. This Sacrament is open to all who are suffering from serious illnesses and or chronic complaint. Those who wish to be anointed will be called forth during the Mass for the reception of the Sacrament.

## **WANTED: Rosary Makers!**



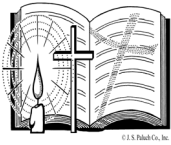
October is Rosary Month. Respond to the call of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary! The need for rosaries is great and urgent. Become a missionary by making rosaries for missions in the U.S., the military and around the world. Please call **Our Lady's Rosary Makers** (4611 Poplar Level Road, PO BOX 37080, Louisville KY 40233 at **(502) 968-1477** or visit their website **www.olrm.org** and send \$13.50 check or money order for a beginner's kit which allows you to make 50 cord rosaries and comes with instructions. Make a difference in the world. Help bring peace to the world and turn the tide of evil. God will bless you abundantly. Please note that the office closes at 4pm Eastern Standard Time (EST).

## Family Caregivers

**Catholic Charities CYO San Carlos Adult Day Services** is offering a **Family Caregiver Mini-Sabbatical**. This 4-part series is for family members helping an older spouse, parent or sibling, especially someone with increasing memory loss or confusion. It will be held in San Carlos on **Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30 pm on October 7, 14, 21 & 28** with a **\$25 fee** for the **4-week program**. For more info, please call 650-592-9325 or email [mvargas@cccyo.org](mailto:mvargas@cccyo.org).

### **18th MEDJUGORJE PEACE CONFERENCE**

**October 24-25-26**—Bren Events Center, UC Irvine  
[www.medjugorjeirvine.org](http://www.medjugorjeirvine.org) or call 714-572-9779  
 Brochures are available at the Community Center.



## Scripture Readings

October 5, 2008

<b>Sunday:</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43
<b>Monday:</b>	Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111; Luke 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139; Luke 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 Psalm 117; Luke 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69-70,71-72, 73-75; Luke 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111; Luke 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105; Luke 11:27-28
<b>Sunday:</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-4

## Mass Intentions

For the week of October 6, 2008



<b>Monday</b>	+Clemente & Filomena Chiari
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dennis Unson, Birthday Blessings
<b>Wednesday</b>	Martha Lopez, Birthday Blessings
<b>Thursday</b>	+Victoriana Tabayoyong
<b>Friday</b>	+Jerome & +Jerry M. Kozloski
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:30 am	+Rosario Adiel Rallos & +Ruth Sambold
5:00 pm	+Inocencio Pangilinan
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:30 am	For the People of St. Luke
9:00 am	+Jack Mulqueeney
10:30 am	+Bautista & Palad Family
5:00 pm	Mary Ann Bravo, Thanksgiving



## Mass Schedule for

October 11 & 12, 2008

<b>Saturday</b>		
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Michelle
<b>Sunday</b>		
7:30 am	Fr. Jonathan	
9:00 am	Fr. Kieran	Choir: Joyful Noise
10:30 am	Fr. Kieran	Choir: Burning Bush
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Kevin's Flock

If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Luke Parish to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 345-6660. Please take some time this week to remember the following people and intentions in your prayers:



- ✦ **For all those who are ailing** especially Binh Trinh, Jean Beasley, Pat Villano (sister-in-law of Patty Villano), Antonia Canoy, Faith Gillis, Randy Robin, Keith Fitzpatrick, Virginia Petraglia, Elizabeth Adorable, Cherie Beals, Doris Sullivan, Mina Teves, Brian Walsh, Raymond Acero, Jenny Slove, Kay Ketcham, Dolores Maga, Rudy Rucker, Catalina Nokom, Gerda White, Ronald Reidenbach and Hal Tanforan, that they may be returned to health.
- ✦ **For our recently deceased** parishioners, relatives and friends, especially Rolando Concepcion, Josephine DiStefano, & Norman Slove we pray that they may be welcomed into the reign of everlasting joy & for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and consoled.

## Weekly Collections

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner; we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

**Stewardship...** Last Sunday's collection, September 28, the parish received **\$5,247**. This figure includes a portion of the once a month credit card donations. The average Sunday Collection for the month of September was **\$5,776**. Also in September, the total Building Fund (Maintenance and Repair) received in total **\$4,763**.

**2008 Archbishop Annual Appeal Report...** This year St. Luke has been assessed **\$69,500**. As of this writing we have reached **69%** of this goal totaling **\$47,664.53** from **105 donors**. We urge all parishioners to make their gift as soon as possible as we **still need** to raise **\$21,837** because **we are falling way behind previous years**. Our generosity towards this assessment recognizes the good works of the Church to the parishes and the people of this Archdiocese and our thanksgiving of God's many blessings.

Christian Giving

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Now, you can give cash to support St. Luke's Catholic Church through **E-Scrip** ... the vehicle that allows you to contribute to your church without costing you a dime. How does it work? Just sign up your various credit cards via the mail or on the website **www.escrrip.com**. St. Luke's group **ID number is 137683615**. Please call **John Bernat** at (650) 341-4045 if you need help registering.

# Contact People

**Altar Linens:** Mary True: (650) 571-8783

**Altar Servers:** Perry Durant: (650) 571-5051

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you know of any parishioners who are sick or hospitalized or are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age, please call the office.

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator:**

Barbara Elordi, Marriage and Family Therapist, for persons who have suffered sexual abuse from members of the Catholic clergy. Call (415) 614-5506 (direct & secured phone line of Ms. Elordi)

**Baptism:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.

**Christian Burial:** Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.

**Cursillo:** Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345

**Divorced and Separated Catholics:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, San Mateo. Call Gail Castro: (650) 591-8452

**Finance Council:** John Bernat: (650) 341-4045

**Knights of Columbus:** Marvin A. Crockett: (650)341-4058

**Legion of Mary:** Saturdays at 9:00 am.

Georgiana Unson: (650) 345-2613

**Lectors & Eucharistic Captains:**

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

**Liturgy Coordinators:** Watch bulletin for meeting times

**Marriages:** Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.

**Music Groups:** Children: Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Joyful Noise & Kevin’s Flock

– Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Burning Bush & Emmaus Choir

– ElysaBeth Allen: Tel. No. (650) 573-6858

Youth Choir - ElysaBeth Allen: (650) 573-6858

**Pastoral Council:** John Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

**Right to Life:** Donna Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

**Sandwiches on Sunday:** Peg Culver: (650) 349-1408

**St. Vincent De Paul Conference:**

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

# This Week in Our Parish

**Sunday, October 5**

12:00 noon ~ Blessing of Animals

**Tuesday, October 7**

7:00 pm ~ Faith Formation

**Thursday, October 9**

All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 pm ~ Benediction

**Saturday, October 4**

9:00 am ~ Legion of Mary

10:30 am ~ Junior Legion of Mary

11:30 am ~ Baptismal Prep

## ANNUAL DINNER GALA!

The **Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Bay Area** are having their Annual dinner out!!! Come and join in at the **Lakeside Café**, 2529 Ocean Ave., San Francisco (near Stonestown). It is on Saturday, **October 18, at 6:30 pm** for no-host wine and beer, with a three-course Dinner including wine, at 7:30 pm. All these for \$40!!! We are guaranteed a good meal (choice of entrees) and GREAT companionship! Reservations are required by Oct. 12. To RSVP or for more info, call Jack 415-566-4230 or Miriam 650-992-3657.

## WIDOWED, SEPARATED & DIVORCED WEEKEND

**October 24-26 at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park.** For information, call La Verne (650) 355-3978, Ward (415) 821-3390, Helen (415) 388-9651, or Ana (408) 988-4957 or see our website: [http://www.geocities.com/san\\_josebe/](http://www.geocities.com/san_josebe/)

This is brought to you by **Beginning Experience**, an international peer ministry for widowed, separated and divorced men and women. It is open to persons of all faiths.

### KEEPING IN CONTACT... *St. Luke Parish Community*

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian friendship to you, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, or have moved, or have other needs, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We will send new parishioners a census form.

■ New Parishioner

■ Have moved, here's the new address.

■ I have changed my phone number.

■ I am moving, please remove my name from list.

■ I am a shut-in and would like someone to visit.

■ I am going to be in the hospital, please call me.

■ I'd like information about \_\_\_\_\_

■ I'd like to volunteer as \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_