

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2008



### Reflection on the Word

In many ways our nation tends to look upon itself as a chosen people. From the very beginning of our writing of American history, the template for our self-understanding has been the story of the Hebrew people. The Puritans who left persecution in England were perceived to be once more playing out the story of the Hebrews who fled the slavery of Egypt. In time this nation began to see itself as a new chosen people. We still refer to our “manifest destiny.” Yet if there is any truth to this perception, we need to ask, “Chosen for what?” If our self-image is truly rooted in our Judeo-Christian worldview, as some would like to think, then the scriptures of this Sunday propose that we are chosen to be a people to whom all others come for a feast that nourishes and unites and offers hope.

Back when our nation was still shaping its self-understanding, back when the symbols and images that would speak to the rest of the world about who we are as a nation were still being determined, Benjamin Franklin mused that the turkey might have been a better choice for our national bird than the bald eagle. Still, if we would see ourselves as chosen not for ourselves but for others, the turkey could have been quite appropriate. The turkey has come to symbolize Thanksgiving — offered in gratitude for our abundance. It is at the heart of our Thanksgiving table, existing solely for our sustenance and nourishment. It could have been quite appropriate as a symbol of what we hope to be about: living to serve others. Instead, our symbol is the bald eagle.

### For Consideration & Discussion

- ✠ Which of the two templates for our self-understanding as a nation, the turkey or the eagle, appeals to you most? Why?
- ✠ Do you believe that we as a nation are indeed chosen? If so, for what are we chosen? If not, why not?

### Responding to the Word

If “many are invited but few are chosen” (Matthew 22:14), then perhaps we should think about how we get to be chosen and what that requires of us. Proclaiming that we are chosen without doing anything to merit the honor just might get us tossed out of the banquet.

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:

#### *Marriage: The Mustard Seed of Humanity*

There are some things that must not change because they are built on the Word of God. Our Catholic faith teaches us that marriage is one of those things — a sacrament, a gateway to family and a pillar of our society. In marriage, God recruited man and woman to help Him in creation. What an awesome privilege and an equally awesome responsibility. All of this originates in God’s union of one man and one woman. In a way, we can think of this as the mustard seed of humanity. How could the fundamental nature of something so important be changed?

— *Bishop Gerald Barnes, San Bernardino*

### Immaculate Heart Radio’s “Light on the Hill” Benefit Dinner

Come join an evening of wine, music and celebration of faith featuring “Catholic Answers” apologist Tim Staples. Invite your pastor and fellow parishioners to join in this evening of food, faith and fellowship to help keep Catholic Radio in the Bay Area! It be held on **October 22nd at St. Mary’s Cathedral Event Center** at 1111 Gough St, San Francisco. Reception starts at 6:00 pm. Dinner starts at 7:00 pm. 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 today.



# 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

12 Sun.	9:00 am	Pre K/K
15 Wed.	5:30 pm-6:30 pm 7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Grades 1 thru 4 Grades 5 thru 8
19 Sun.	10:30 am Mass <i>Welcome Mass for First Communicants</i>	*** Mandatory attendance is required.***
26 Sun.	9:00 am	Pre K/K

### CONFIRMATION CLASS CALENDAR

#### October

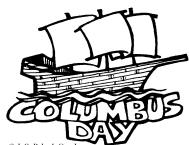
16 Thurs.	7:15 pm—8:45 pm
19 Sun.	5:00 pm Mass <i>Welcome Mass for the Candidates</i>
	***Mandatory attendance is required.***

### SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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

### 18th MEDJUGORJE PEACE CONFERENCE

October 24-25-26—Bren Events Center, UC Irvine  
www.medjugorjeirvine.org or call 714-572-9779  
Brochures are available at the Community Center.



**OCTOBER 13, Monday**  
All parish offices  
are closed.

## Respect for Life Month: OCTOBER

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

**Today, October 12th**, 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.

### *Men's Prayer Group*

A small group of St. Luke men meet for an hour at 7:00 am, on the first and third Wednesday of the month for prayer and Scripture discussion. **All are welcome.** **The next meeting is Wednesday, October 15.** For more information, call Dan James @650-574-3835.

### Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council will meet on **Thursday, October 16th at 7:30pm**. All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

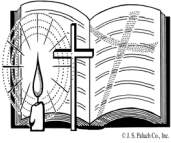
## **WANTED: Rosary Makers!**



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. Office closes at 4pm Eastern Standard Time (EST).

## **A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

**Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.. This program has helped couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on **October 17-19**, call 415-893-1005 or email: **SanFrancisco@RetroCA.com** or visit the website at **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**



## Scripture Readings

October 12, 2008

**Sunday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-4  
**Monday:** Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1  
 Psalm 113; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:1-6;  
 Psalm 119; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Galatians 5:18-25  
 Psalm 1; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Ephesians 1:1-10;  
 Psalm 98; Luke 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Ephesians 1:11-14;  
 Psalm 33; Luke 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17b;  
 Psalm 145; Luke 10:1-9  
**Sunday:** Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 96;  
 I Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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), Shirley Miller, Eileen Fernan, Muriel Campbell, Aida Albano, Bonifacio Tiu, Gerada Cerdan, Jon Miller, Sue Rampa, Charlie Nielsen, Ben Baro, Judith Gonzales, Kelly Eagleton, Helen Borrone, Bozidar Mihelcic, Vernetta Steele, Juanita Roxas, Scott Mather, Victoria Reidenbach and Hal Tanforan, that they may be returned to health.
- ✦ **For our recently deceased** parishioners, relatives and friends, especially Beverly Gaudette, Rolando Concepcion, Josephine DiStefano, & Pilar Padilla we pray that they may be welcomed into the reign of everlasting joy & for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and consoled.

## Mass Intentions

For the week of October 13, 2008



**Monday** +Purificacion Castro  
**Tuesday** +Jesus Guial  
**Wednesday** Bozidar Mihelcic, Special Intention  
**Thursday** Special Intention  
**Friday** +Jerome & +Jerry M. Kozloski  
**Saturday**  
 8:30 am Butch Unson, Birthday Blessing  
 5:00 pm +Michael O'Donnell  
**Sunday**  
 7:30 am For the People of St. Luke  
 9:00 am +Christine Bagtas, Death Anniversary  
 10:30 am Jon & Shirley Miller, Healing  
 5:00 pm +Celso Millar

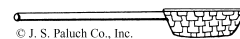
## Weekly Collections

In today's reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. **Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!**

**Stewardship...** Last Sunday's collection, October 5, the parish received **\$6,296.50**. This figure includes a portion of the once a month credit card donations. The second collection for the Building Fund which is used to maintain our church's good condition, received in total **\$1,664**.

**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 **\$48,360** from **105 donors**. We urge all parishioners to make their gift as soon as possible as we **still need** to raise **\$21,140** 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-Script** ... 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.escrpt.com**. St. Luke's group **ID number is 137683615**. Please call **John Bernat** at (650) 341-4045 if you need help registering.



## Mass Schedule for

October 18 & 19, 2008

**Saturday**  
 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Mario & Co.  
**Sunday**  
 7:30 am Fr. Jonathan  
 9:00 am Fr. Bill Choir: Emmaus  
 10:30 am Fr. Jonathan Choir: Burning Bush  
 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Kevin's Flock

# 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 Conférence:**  
Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

# This Week in Our Parish

- Tuesday, October 14**  
7:00 pm ~ Faith Formation
- Wednesday, October 15**  
7:00 am ~ Men’s Prayer Group
- Thursday, October 16**  
All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:30 pm ~ Benediction  
7:30 pm ~ Finance Council Meeting
- Friday, October 17**  
7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 18**  
9:00 am ~ Legion of Mary  
10:30 am ~ Junior Legion of Mary

## 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have moved, here’s the new address.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my phone number.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am moving, please remove my name from list.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am a shut-in and would like someone to visit.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am going to be in the hospital, please call me.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I’d like information about _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I’d like to volunteer as _____</li> </ul>	<p>Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____</p>
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