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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

23 February 2014

at St. Dominic's



“Love your enemies and pray  
for those who  
persecute you;  
so that you may be  
children of your  
Father in heaven”

## Intentions for the Week

Mon 2/24	7:00AM	†Alexander Datar
	8:15AM	†Marjorie Peck
Tues 2/25	7:00AM	Mona Hung (H)
	8:15AM	George & Mary Quigley(H)
Wed 2/26	7:00AM	Marc Lopez (T)
	8:15AM	Anna & John (H)
Thu 2/27	7:00AM	Mary Olmes (T)
	8:15AM	†Luisa Pantangco Ramirez
Fri 2/28	7:00AM	†Sue Healy
	8:15AM	†Dorothy Harty
Sat 3/1	8:15AM	Katrina Michelle R(H)
	5:30PM	†Eleanor Perez

## Mass Intentions for Sunday March 3, 2014

7:30AM	†Patrick Santo
9:00AM	†Deven Davis
11:00AM	†Holy Souls of Purgatory
12:30PM	For the People of the Parish
5:30PM	†Jospehine M. Porreco

Legend: (†) Memorial (H) Health  
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekdays:	7:00AM, 8:15AM
Saturday:	8:15AM only
Saturday:	Vigil Mass 5:30PM
Sunday:	7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM(English/Spanish),5:30PM (Youth)

1st Sunday of Month: 3PM (Vietnamese Mass)

## Dominicans

Fr. Jerome Cudden O.P. Pastor  
 Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P. Parochial Vicar  
 Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P. (In Residence)  
 Fr. David Farrugia, O.P. (In Residence)  
 Br. Corwin Low O.P. (In Residence)

## Deacon

John Flanagan (Retired)

## Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 4-5PM or by appointment.  
 Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Infant  
 Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Communion Calls:  
 Please call the Parish Office.  
 Marriage: Please call 6 months in advance; family must  
 be registered parishioners.

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# Our Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Two Fridays ago I spent the morning and afternoon in San Francisco playing tour guide to two friends of mine from Arizona in the pouring rain. Instead of battling the Friday rush hour traffic back home, I had dinner with the St. Dominic's San Francisco community and dined with Fr. Michael. He was gracious enough to take this picture with me.



I recently finished two books whose author's converted to Catholicism or Christianity. The first was entitled "Race with the Devil: My Journey from Racial Hatred to Rational Love" by Joseph Pearce. Joseph grew up a nominal Anglican who became an international leader in the white supremacist movement. When we started to read authors such as G.K. Chesterton and C.S. Lewis he started to rethink his positions about God and religion. Two prison terms also gave him ample time to contemplate what he was doing with his life. Then through a series of "coincidences" he found himself in the Catholic Church.

The other book is entitled "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity" by Nabeel Qureshi. Nabeel was raised in a very devout Muslim family and befriended an evangelical Christian in college. Throughout college these two friends charitably challenged each other's religious belief. Nabeel came to believe that Christianity's claim of Jesus Christ's divinity, Crucifixion, and salvific death for the forgiveness of our sins were more historical and plausible than Islam's claim of the reliability of the Koran and the moral character of Muhammad. [The next step for Nabeel is to challenge the founding tenets of the Protestant reformation. ☺] Both books are fascinating reads of the conversion of two of the least likely people to become Catholic or Christian.

Over the next two weeks there will be four more ONE capital campaign receptions. If you have not attended one yet please join us. Again, these campaigns are about learning about the goals of the campaign and asking any questions you may have about the campaign. We will not be asking for pledges at the receptions. The dates for the receptions are Tuesday Feb. 25; Wednesday, Feb 26; Monday, March 3 all at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Another reception will be at Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Church.

Your brother in Christ and Dominic,  
~Fr. Jerome

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 49:14-15/1Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

To easily reference alternative and upcoming Sunday Readings, go to [www.usccb.org/nab/](http://www.usccb.org/nab/)

# St. Dominic's: At a Glance

## UPCOMING WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS February 23-March 2, 2014

- SUN:** KOC Breakfast (PH)  
Children's Liturgy 9AM SAC  
RCIC 6th GR 11AM SCH  
SDYG 2PM PH
- MON:** Breaking Open the Word 7PM SR  
First Eucharist Family Meeting 7PM Ch
- TUES:** Religious Education K-5 4 PM SCH  
RCIA 7PM SR  
ONE Campaign Reception 7PM PH  
20's & 30's Group 7PM SCL GR8  
9AM Choir 7:45PM CH
- WED:** Religious Education K-5 4PM, K-7 7PM SCHL  
Catholics Return Home 7PM SR  
5:30 PM SAT Choir 8PM CH
- THUR:** Book Club 2PM SR  
Book Club 7PM PH
- FRI:** Dominican Laity Evening Prayer 6:30PM CH  
GIFT (Couples Prayer Series) 7PM PH
- SAT:** Grief Support 11AM AQ  
Confessions 4PM CH  
St. Pat's Dinner Ticket Sales (After 5:30P Mass)

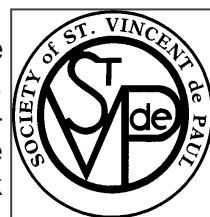
## TREASURE

### Monthly Collection Totals for December 2013

Sunday Collection envelopes & loose	\$ 54,965.57
Online Donations & First Fruits	\$ 19,233.33
Special Collections:	
St. Dominic School	\$ 1,523.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,475.32
Faith Formation Donations	\$ 1,168.67
Building Improvement	\$ 2,543.22
Campaign Collection Totals To Date:	
Mission West Dominican Campaign	\$ 181,143.00
Building Improvement	\$ 9,4792.01

## SVDP FOOD PANTRY

Please help stock our pantry. We are always in need of peanut butter, jelly, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, pasta mixes, cereal, mayonnaise and tuna. Also food coupons. Thank you!



If you are in need of food or assistance with rent, temporary living arrangements and/or utilities, please call the SVdP Food Pantry at 707-746-1773 and leave a message. God Bless You.

## PARISH OFFICE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Closed Mondays  
Tuesday-Friday: 9AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM  
Saturday: 10AM-1PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM-1PM

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Directors Janet Casarino & Tanya Sanchez

## CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

The Sparrow Project of Vallejo feeds and clothes the homeless in our area.

They are desperately in need of blankets, clothing and recycled plastic bags to serve the homeless including babies, children and seniors in our area.



If you are cleaning out your closet and/or can donate plastic grocery bags, or are willing to serve meals in the soup kitchen please contact Gloria Peterson at 707-747-5007 to arrange donations. God Bless.



## By request for the sick and infirm

Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions including:

Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P., Fr. Buckley, O.P., Fr. Thomas Hayes, O.P., Jim Healy, Darinda McElhaney, Andre Davis, Scott Dziuban, Mary Carbullido-Anderson, William Stellwagen, Charlie White, Pete Raine, Scott Reeder, James Werder, Diane Thomas, Lana Lagunera, Al Rohleder, Brian Irwin, Ed Stone, Maria Carvalho, Lee Syracuse, Bruce Harris, Valerie Quillin Miller, Doris Seitz, Elizabeth Miller, Monika Romo, Dorothy Szabo, Chelsea Labra, Patsy Vogelpohl, Bill Earp, Lisa Bunny, Dorothy Lindsay, Charlie Gallagher, Demetria Mitchell Smith, Elda Slaviero, Debra Shinnette, Tom Vogelpohl, Cecelia Gardner, Ralph Hayes, Amelia Lacey, Emma Ramirez, Jean McInerney, Audrey Hirth, Tony Fitzgerald, Mrs. Verna Cabrera, Barbara Donley, Maura Yanner, Norma Sousa, Bernice Cure, Catherine Weir, Marian Wright, Maria Silva, Julienne Diers, Carmela P. White, Andre Davis, Cliff Donley, Dale Amorosia and Nancy Morey.

Please remember the following recently deceased parishioners (and their families) in your prayers: Sr Joanna Browne, O.P., Sr Liz Curtis, Edward DeNatale, Francisco Molina, Doris Teixeira, Susan Buchanan Wyn Deane, Richard Firebaugh, Alfred Thurlo, Michael Alipio Bitanga, Burt Strickley, Teresa Nelson, Marcelino S. Hipolito, Dominic Klapperich, Manuel B. Gonsalves, Dorothy Harty, Karen Rodriguez, Alexander Datar, Josephine M. Porreco, Vincent Mathew Sondoal, Donna Del Barrio, Robert Geiger, Immaculada "Mitos" Calica, Don Phelan, Lani Cumpas, Steven Cirimele, Elizabeth Brown, David Carvalho, Shirley Eggman, Victor Dinoso, Jeannette Lindley, Jeany Miterko, and Kathleen O'Donovan

## NEW! POST-ABORTION HEALING GROUPS & RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats and Post-Abortion Healing groups offer hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment, and result in life-changing transformations.

Confidential sign-ups for men, women, and couples are happening now. Don't delay your healing and renewal in Christ any longer!

To register or find out more, contact Christine at (415) 260-4406, or [christinew@firstresort.net](mailto:christinew@firstresort.net) or go to [www.afterthechoice.org](http://www.afterthechoice.org) to download the flyers.

The next in our diocese include March 14-16, Auburn (English)





If you missed to see the film MARY OF NAZARETH last December,  
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**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

(Saturday after Ash Wednesday)

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**Theater: Century 14 Vallejo**

(109 Plaza Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591)

Tickets can be purchased after all weekend  
Masses at the narthex, by phone, or by email.

(707) 208-7187 — Carmelita Torres  
(707) 334-1393 — Chiqui Ramos  
(707) 747-5576 — Olivia Makinano  
(707) 553-1355 — Parish Office

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## FAITH FORMATION

### First Eucharist:

Children receiving the sacrament of **First Eucharist** in May of 2014-there is a mandatory parent meeting on EITHER Mon Feb24th @ 7pm in the Church OR Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you cannot make either of these meetings-please call the Ministry Center at (707) 747-7240. Thank you, Jan.



### Confirmation YR II:

YR II teens will travel to Sacramento on Sunday, 2/23 for the Confirmation Conference. A reminder letter with specific information has been sent to parents.

**Looking ahead.....**There is a sponsor/teen gathering on Sunday, March 2nd from 3:00-6:30 in the Parish Hall. If a sponsor is unable to attend, a parent should fill in for the sponsor. We will conclude our gathering by celebrating the 5:30 Mass together. Please make this your Mass of choice for Sunday March 2nd

**Food Bank Service Project:** We will be visiting the food bank on March 6th, 11th, and 12th. Email reminders with specific date assignment and information will be sent soon.

### YR I & II Confirmation:

Ash Wednesday Services will take place on 3/5 at 4:00 (service) and 7:00 (Mass). Teens who do not attend a Catholic School should plan on receiving ashes at 4:00 or 7:00 on Wednesday March 3rd.



### Adult Confirmation:

For those adult who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, we are offering a twelve week course of instruction in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Gatherings are Thursday evenings in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30-8:30. Classes begin on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Jan Stegner at (707) 747-7240 or email at [jstegner@sdbenicia.org](mailto:jstegner@sdbenicia.org)

### Have a question for the Faith Formation team:

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## SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY

COME, PRAY THE SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY



The Sorrowful Rosary is prayed by praying: One Our Father, 7 Hail Mary's seven times, each time meditating on one of the 7 Sorrows of Our Lady:

1. Prophecy of Simeon
2. Flight into Egypt
3. Loss of Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary
5. Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross
6. Mary Receives the Dead Body of Jesus in Her Arms
7. Jesus is Placed in the Tomb.

The Sorrowful Rosary was granted full or partial indulgence on May 28, 1942.

Please contact Amy Collins at [tsuidoimei@yahoo.com](mailto:tsuidoimei@yahoo.com) or [707-567-0808](tel:707-567-0808) if you are interested in joining. Come to the Church at 3:30PM Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri. each week (tentatively).

The first 10 people to sign up to participate for one week will be given a free Seven Sorrows Rosary.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

**"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"**

Adorers needed for the following hours:

TUESDAY 2AM  
(1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> WKS),  
Call Ed Miller 746-6117

TUESDAY 3 PM (SHARE),  
Call Rori Basilio 748-1481

SATURDAY 2 PM,  
call Maggie Ruszel 747-0734

SUNDAY 12 NOON,  
call Jude Potter 745-4914



If you are interested in participating in Adoration please call LAURA BATTS (649-0603) OR MARIETTA ABAD SANTOS (246-4818).



## EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please join Fr. Cudden, O.P. and the Campaign Committee at a **ONE** Campaign reception! Receptions are social, informational gatherings that provide an opportunity to learn about the **ONE** Campaign, and emphasize the personal nature of giving, and give parishioners an opportunity to ask questions. Fr. Cudden, O.P. and the Campaign Committee are appreciative of your time, dedication and support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee.

Please make plans to join us and RSVP for one of these upcoming events:

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. – Parish Hall  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. – Parish Hall  
Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. – Parish Hall  
Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. – Parish Hall

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ONE CAMPAIGN

### What are the specific needs addressed through the ONE Campaign?

This campaign seeks to raise \$50 million to address current and future needs of the parishes and the Diocese. Funds will be allocated as follows:

\$2,000,000	Technology for our Catholic Schools
\$4,000,000	Catholic Elementary School Endowment
\$2,500,000	Catholic High School Scholarships
\$6,500,000	Facility Improvements to our Catholic Schools
\$2,500,000	Religious Education & Lay Ecclesial Ministry Scholarships
\$5,000,000	Regional Youth Ministry Programs Endowment
\$6,000,000	Newman Center Ministry
\$2,500,000	Camp/Retreat Center
\$1,500,000	Retired Priest Housing
\$1,500,000	Radio Santissimo Expansion
\$1,000,000	North Valley Catholic Social Services
\$1,000,000	Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
\$1,000,000	Solano County Catholic Social Services
\$11,000,000	Local Parish Needs
\$2,000,000	Campaign Expenses

### Will any of these funds be used for items other than the established case elements?

Absolutely NOT. The Diocese has both a legal and moral obligation to restrict these funds for the stated elements. The funds raised for the campaign will be used exclusively for the named case elements. These funds are protected.

### Why are pledges encouraged, instead of one-time donations?

Pledges provide parishioners with the opportunity to make a more significant gift to the mission of the Church. A contribution is easier to pay off over a period of time rather than one-time out of pocket.

### How will the campaign help my parish?

Every parish will receive 25 cents of each dollar raised up to goal. After a parish surpasses goal, it will then receive 67 cents on every dollar raised above that goal. Parishes can use these funds for their individual needs, which will be discussed further at the campaign receptions being held in the weeks ahead.

## HOW TO ENGAGE WITH US ONLINE - YES, EVEN YOU!

Pope Francis called the Internet a "[Gift from God](#)". A few weeks ago, we announced we were moving more of our communications online. While this does not replace our weekly, printed bulletin, we believe it provides new and accessible ways of connecting one on one with you, via the same apps you use to connect with friends, family members, and neighbors. Here are a few tips to get the most out of each application:

**Facebook**- this is an online community created for you and we encourage "likes", shares and comments. They help us to show up more frequently in yours and other's news feeds. If you don't engage with posts or visit the page, Facebook no longer displays our posts in your feed because it thinks you don't find it interesting or relevant. Our communications team is also learning what types of content you want to see, so a like or a share is a "vote" for more to come.

Remember, it is a Page not a Person on Facebook, which means a team is moderating comments and while they are fun to read, the priests do not see all of the activity in a given day or week, nor will they respond directly. If you'd like to send a message to a priest, a phone call to the Parish office is best.

That being said, we are overjoyed that over **450 parishioners are regularly visiting the Facebook page** and have been enjoying the content since we launched in December. The community is off to a very strong start.

**Website**- [www.stdombenicia.org](http://www.stdombenicia.org). We launched the new website, and yes, it has a new web address, there are many resources on the site to enjoy including:

- A new Pastor's Corner Blog
- Real-time updates on events
- Photo galleries from Parish events
- Recorded homilies, you can subscribe to as an iTunes podcast
- Links to other sites we love
- Faith building downloads for you and your family, including Bring Home the Word
- Forms, documents, and schedules from various ministries
- If you are part of a ministry that would find value in an online web page or calendar, contact Erin Jacobs to learn how to get set up.

**Yelp.com**- we are listed on Yelp and you can provide an online review of our Church. Did you know that a popular way for new families in the area to research a home Church is online? Your ratings and honest feedback of what it is like to worship here could attract more families to St. Dominic's and bring returning Catholic's home! Writing a great review helps us evangelize our talents and treasures to build a growing and thriving Parish. Why not write a review and then share it on Facebook!

**Twitter**- @stdombenicia We are just getting started here, so the tween, teen, 20's and 30's and hipster crowds needs to hang in there while we figure out what and how often to tweet. We are linking back to fresh articles on the website, retweeting news from the Vatican and other great catholic resources. And stay tuned; you may soon see a tweet about one of our bulletin advertisers on Twitter with a link to their business or a fun promotion for followers.

**Pinterest**- Why would a church want to create Pinterest boards? Because there are so many beautiful and creative ideas being shared on Pinterest. Discover meal ideas for special feast days, ideas for creating sacred spaces in your home, faith based craft projects to enjoy with kids and just fun quotes from the Saints or the Pope online. The best-kept secret is a Pinterest board works as visual bookmarks for the web by topic. Right now we have Faith, Family, Catholic Fun, and a board dedicated to Mary. What's not to love?

**Instagram**- I'm just not there yet, but given the help of an intern this summer and we'll be building photos to make more of you smile.

Want to get involved and help these communities grow? We are always looking for stories about, and by, parishioners regarding their journeys, pilgrimages, movie reviews, book reviews, and everyday proof of miracles. Email [ejacobs@sdbenicia.org](mailto:ejacobs@sdbenicia.org) to find out how you can contribute an article, don't worry we can help edit and put pen to paper. It's not about perfection; it's about proof of faith. God Bless.



## BOOK CLUB

### Book Club Discussions THIS WEEK!

Hahn explores the "covenant love" God reveals to us through the Scriptures and explains how God patiently reaches out to us—despite our faults and shortcomings—to restore us into relationship with his divine family.

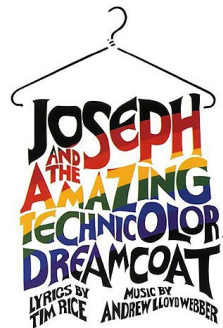
**Our Book Club discussion group will be held on Thursday, February 27th 2-3:30PM in the Siena Room of the Ministry Center and 7-8:30PM in the Parish Hall.**

If you have not read the book and would like to listen to the discussion you may join us, respectively.

## SDS SCHOOL INFO

### SAVE THE DATES! JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

will be presented by our middle school students on **Friday, April 4 at 7 pm, and Saturday, April 5 at 2 pm and 7 pm .**



We would love to have you experience this wonderful musical based on the Old Testament story of Jacob and his favorite son, Joseph.

All shows will be held at St. Patrick~St. Vincent High School (1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo) on the stage in their multi-purpose room. All proceeds benefit our Fine Arts program, so make plans to join us and tell a friend!

SDS will sponsor another always-popular **Shred Day** on **Saturday, May 3 from 10 am ~ Noon.** For a donation of \$5.00 per bankers box (pre-shred amount), your documents will be safely and securely shredded while you watch. The "shred truck" will park in front of the school on 5th Street, and this event will be held come rain or shine! Donation proceeds benefit Professional Development opportunities for our teachers, so please consider supporting our efforts!

## SOUL SISTERS' IS BACK

### Soul Sisters' will be returning for the Lenten season!

We will meet on MONDAY'S in the Aquinas Room. We will be running two tracks: 10:30-noon, and 7-8:30PM.



I will be using the book, "At the Wellspring-Jesus and the Samaritan Woman-by Brother John of Taize`.

We will reflect, study and journey into the scripture story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well, and take an in depth look at the written scripture. We will meet on Mon 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, and 4/14. If you have questions, please contact Jan at (707) 747-7240.

## HELPING HANDS

The parish office receives calls for people in need of a helping hand, a simple task to help someone who is recovering from surgery, on pregnancy bed rest, or caring for an aging relative, simple tasks to ease someone's burden.

Requests include running an errand, helping out with a load of laundry, stopping in and checking up on someone, all on a very temporary basis.

If this is something you would be interested in doing, please call the parish office at **707-747-7220** and we will add to you to the Helping Hands phone list.

## 20'S & 30'S GROUP

Meet this Tues, Feb 25th 7 pm in the 8th grade classroom, located at the southwest corner of east J and 5th streets. We will be exploring the question, "Have you been saved?" A link to the article will be is on the church website at [www.stdombenicia.org](http://www.stdombenicia.org).

Invite a friend and bring a sweet treat to share (made or bought). I look forward to seeing you on February 25th!

## EM/LECTOR RETREAT

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to **SAVE THE DATE!**

For a **mandatory, half-day retreat** on March 22nd from 9AM-12 noon in the Parish Hall. If you cannot attend please call the Parish office to let them know.

## 7 CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

On behalf of Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life USA ( CFCFFL USA) we'd like to invite you to make a local 7 Church Pilgrimage. Saturday, March 8, 2014.

Following is the schedule of the pilgrimage:



8:00 - 8:45am - we will start with a mass at St Basil the Great Church  
9:00 - 9:45am - St Vincent Ferrer, we will recite the scriptural rosary, Joyful Mystery

10:00 - 10:45am - St Catherine of Siena, scriptural Rosary, Sorrowful Mystery  
11:15 - 12:00pm - St Dominic, Benicia, scriptural Rosary, Glorious Mystery

12:00 - 1:30pm - Lunch break

1:30 - 2:15pm - Holy Family Church, American Canyon, scriptural rosary, Luminous Mystery

3:00 - 3:45pm - Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Fairfield, Divine Mercy

5:00 - 6:00pm - we will have anticipated Mass at Holy Spirit, Fairfield

Here are the addresses of the various Parishes FYI only:

- 1) St Basil the Great, 1200 Tuolumne St Vallejo
- 2) St Vincent Ferrer, 925 Sacramento St Vallejo
- 3) St Catherine, 3450 Tennessee St Vallejo
- 4) St Dominic, 475 East I St, Benicia
- 5) Holy Family, 101 Antonina St American Canyon
- 6) Our Lady of Mt Carmel, 2700 Dover Ave, Fairfield
- 7) Holy Spirit, 1050 N Texas St Fairfield

We will take into consideration our travel time, but we will try to stay within the time allotted.

Again, thank you and hoping to continue this journey everyday of our life. Contact Myrna Martinez at (707) 319- 6021 for more information.

## CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLER

### Northern California Catholic Homeschooling Conference & New Spanish Homeschooling Conference

April 25th & 26th, 2014  
Our Lady of Peace Church,  
Santa Clara, CA



Nationally known Guest Speakers: Andrew Pudewa, Laura Berquist, Pamela Patnode, Ginny Seuffert, Sharon Hensley with two workshops on Special Needs Education, Talk for Dad, & a Workshop

on how to get your student into military academies.

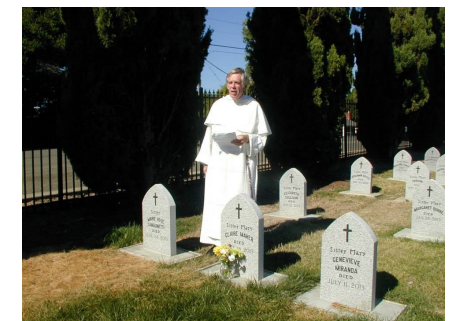
### On Friday Night - Free - Introduction to Homeschooling.

To encourage the Spanish speaking community to discover homeschooling, we have added a Spanish conference on Saturday morning with Pamela Patnode & Fr. Gustavo Nieto, IVE, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church; Q&A with Pamela Patnode and Experienced Moms. Vendors available & Much More! Price breaks for early registration.

For information: Visit [www.ologiftshop.com](http://www.ologiftshop.com), 408-980-9825 to **Watch our Video!**

## CEMETERY MASS

Join us next Saturday, March 1st and celebrate our monthly Mass at St. Dominic's Cemetery. 9:30AM  
East 5th Street and Hillcrest Avenue





# Bringing Home the Word

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 23, 2014



## Jesus Means What He Says—Like It or Not

By Diane M. Houdek

If Jesus were trying to establish himself as a popular preacher, we might think he's going about it the wrong way. If today's Gospel were a current news item or someone's blog post, we can just imagine the angry comments that would follow it. "What do you mean we're supposed to love our enemies?" "Are you saying we have to love terrorists?" "People are too worried about being politically correct. I should be able to say whatever I want."

But Jesus was never much interested in popularity contests or good ratings. He was interested only in the truth.

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Moses challenges the people to model their own holiness after the holiness of God. They will do so if they put others first.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul reminds the community that they are God's Temple. They are to be holy and mutually helpful, united to Jesus and his Father.

#### Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus calls his followers to be whole and complete just as God is whole and complete. He gives concrete examples.

And that truth was, as the old hymn says, "the truth sent down from above." Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Compromise simply wasn't an option for him. Nor is it for us.

The people of Jesus's day had as many prejudices and stereotypes as anyone in our own society. Jews and Samaritans, Romans and Palestinians, Greeks and Galileans—the Gospels and Paul's letters are filled with examples of one group setting itself against another over politics, over religious rules and rituals, over language and way of life.

Those listening to Jesus would have reacted as predictably as we would to these words. And there's no way to soften them. Jesus says what he says. We can choose to believe it, we can even choose to follow it. What we can't do is deny that he said it.

Too often we deal with our natural discomfort with the high standard of the Gospel by trying to explain it away or to soften it. We pretend that the hard sayings aren't part of Bible. We ignore those passages that make us uneasy, that threaten our preconceived ideas, that upset our comfortable worldview.

One of the great gifts to our faith that the Catholic lectionary provides is that the wisdom of the Church has chosen for us the texts that we will read and hear on any given Sunday. Priests and deacons don't have the

option of choosing the text for their sermons. And the lectionary is arranged to cover all of the Gospels, not just the stories that we like to hear.

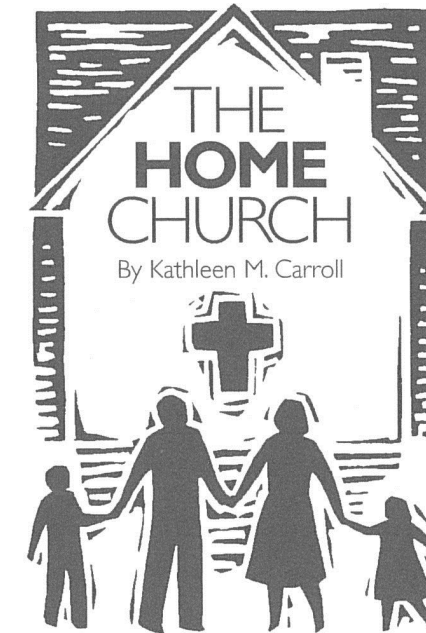
Jesus doesn't tell his followers that their lives are going to be easy. Nor does he tell them that they will always get their way. He frequently reminds them that they will be persecuted. The beginning of this Sermon on the Mount that we've been hearing for the past several Sundays even says, "Blessed are you when they persecute you." We shouldn't be surprised, then, when his words make us uncomfortable. There's simply no way around the hard sayings in the Gospel.

Preachers and psychologists are fond of saying that love is not an emotion, it's an act of the will. Teachers and managers remind those who whine and complain, "That's why they call it work." The same thing is true of faith. When we make a commitment, whether it's to another person, a community, or God, there will be times when keeping that commitment is not going to be easy and probably isn't going to feel all warm and fuzzy. The important thing is that we stick to the commitment we've made.

As we go through this week, we might think about the hard words of Jesus. Instead of arguing those words or trying to explain them away, simply say, "Yes." ✚

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What do you find most challenging in Jesus's words in today's Gospel?
- What is your initial reaction when you disagree with something? How long does it take you to think about it from a different perspective?
- How might you challenge yourself to move beyond your own opinions?



It is not hard to imagine what would happen to a political or religious leader today who preached what Jesus was teaching in the Gospel: love your enemies, go the extra mile, give to everyone who begs from you. Whether that person would be injured in a riot or merely ostracized is a moot point, but the message would find little acceptance.

All of us are tempted to being at least a little bit selfish. We work hard, we do our best—don't we deserve a slice of the proverbial pie? Jesus reminds us that we're swimming in the gifts of God. We have life and the hope of eternity: Do we really want to quibble with our neighbors over whose car is the most shiny?

St. Paul tells us that if we must compete, we should compete to be merciful, generous, and loving. Once we recognize how much we truly have, it becomes a lot easier to give some of it away.



Despite Jesus's admonition to "turn the other cheek," we live in a society bent on taking justice to an extreme that might have made the Pharisees blush. How does this compare with the words of a Savior who tells us to offer our shirt to someone who sues for our coat? Or to go a second mile when conscripted to walk a first?

It's only human nature to keep track of the many times we've been wronged and to forget how many times we've wronged others. The physical or emotional hurt that accompanies insult or injury reminds us that the world is not fair.

As Christians, we are invited to embrace the news that the world is not fair. If it were, if we were held accountable for every error, large or small, if we truly got what we deserved, we might have far more to complain about than at present. In imitating Jesus, we adopt mercy rather than justice as our yardstick and find that everyone measures up well.

St. Francis may have done this better than anyone since Jesus himself. His definition of perfect joy was to respond with love and patience to all that happened. It's a secret many of us have yet to learn.

### PRAYER

Lord,  
 your words bring comfort  
 and discomfort,  
 your words bring inner peace  
 and inner conflict.  
 Be with me as I wrestle with  
 those words.  
 Remind me that in the end  
 your words always—  
 always!—  
 bring life.  
 Amen.

### WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29	Thursday	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37	Friday	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40	Saturday	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

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