



Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 12, 2008

St. Mary of the Desert Notices

Ministry Schedule



	Sat., Oct. 18 6:00 PM	Sun., Oct. 9 10:30 AM	Sun., Oct. 19 12:15 PM
Lectors:	Mary Pablo Miik Miller	Anna McFarland Juan Santa	Nieves Osio Lilian Carcamo
Masters of Ceremony:	Jose Pablo	John Hricko	Manuel Ceron
E. M.'s	Donna Ryan Jeff Robinson	Heidi Hricko H. Ansolabehere	Maria Portillo Ana Pelaez
Ushers:	Bill Snyder	Vern Birgenheir	Victor Olmos
Servers:	Team 1	Team 3	

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10/11 6 PM	† Jose Segura by Teresa Ortiz
Sun.	10/12 10:30 AM	† Rey Cruz, Jr. by C. Collantes
"	10/12 12:15 PM	Parishioners
Tue.	10/14 8 AM	Maria Elaydo by George Olsen
Wed.	10/15 8 AM	Helen Olsen by George Olsen
Thur.	10/16 8 AM	Marie Phillips by George Olsen
Fri.	10/17 8 AM	"Thanksgiving" Corre Family
Sat.	10/18 6 PM	Parish Staff
Sun.	10/19 10:30 AM	Life Teen
"	10/19 12:15 PM	CCD Instructors/Substitutes



Retreats and Conferences

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women

On Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm a special retreat for young women will be at the Nazareth House, 2121 North First St., Fresno, CA 93730. Please call Sister Marie McComack: 550-237-2257 or 310-216-8170 for reservations.

Marriage Encounter

Holidays increases family stress. Learn to communicate more effectively with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is 44 hrs. where married couples focus only on each other. Our next weekend is November 21-23. To receive more information call Vic & Penacho at 831-638-9408 or visit them online at www.wwme-centralca.org

Pauline Year Jubilee Pilgrimage

2000th Anniversary of "The Birth of Saint Paul Rome+ Vatican City + Papal Audience." The Pauline Pilgrimages Schedules for 2009 are: February 28th to March 7th, April 18th to 25th, May 16th to 23rd, June 6th to 13th and June 20th to 27th. All inclusive land-air travel packages of 8 days start at \$2150.00. For more information and registration call 1-800-908-2378 or Fax 1-888-647-2378 or email info@bestcatholic.com

Please Pray for the Sick

Jonathan Barnum, Dean & Betty Ziegler, Grace Sanchez, Anthony Langsine, Maggie Ponting, Maggie and Douglas Hopkins, Mike Nehl, Gloria Barr, Teresa Hernandez, Roy Gallagher, Florence Stratman, Joe Britt, John Klay, Heriberto Villegas, Queenie Fernandes, John Lite, Ben Canaday, Ethan and Saige Funk, Martha Perry, Shelly Bryant, Joe Gonzales, Kristian Silva, Al Charlberg, Kathleen Lindstron, Carol Caniete, Marcos Avina, Christopher Avina, Dennis Focht, Autumn Ginn, Shirley Adam, Erwin Stratman, Sandy Hamman, Darlene Fletcher, Lucy Carreño, James Smith, Joshua Borne, Frances Branham, Peggy & Randy Medford, Ray Baxter, Diane Muzach, Maribel Scoglio and all those in need of prayer. Please call the office to submit or remove a name.

Thought of the Week

Do not remain blind, but see the works of the Lord and believe.



St. Paul Teaching's

In celebration of the year of St. Paul, Fr. Patrick will be conducting special classes so that we may have a better understanding of the church's Pauline year. All are welcome in the Parish Hall in Rosamond on Tuesday, October 14 at 10 AM and again at 7 PM. Then on Thursday, October 16 in Mojave's classroom next to the Parish Office, the teachings will be at 10 AM and 7 PM. This schedule will continue throughout the teachings unless a change is warranted and will be posted in the bulletin.

CCD Students/Parents

Parents: In order to keep our students safe and secure it will be necessary for all students to either continue their class by going to the 6 PM Mass on Saturday or be picked up no later than 5:45 PM if attending Mass on Sunday. In the parking lot there are no teachers/adults available to supervise students. If unable to pick up your child(ren) they will be escorted to Mass with their class. Thank you – John Hricko, DRE

Ministry Trainings and Installations

Eucharistic Ministers training is set for Saturday, October 18th at 11:00 AM in Mojave and 3:00 PM in Rosamond. Their installation will be Sunday, October 19th at the 8:00 AM Mass in Mojave and at the 10:30 AM Mass in Rosamond.

Lectors training will be the following Saturday, October 25th at 11:00 AM in Mojave and then at 3:00 PM in Rosamond. Installation will be at the 8:00 AM Mass in Mojave on Sunday, October 26th and then at the 10:30 am Mass in Rosamond.

October
Angie Pelayo



Second Collection World Mission Sunday

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith will celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 19. World Mission Sunday is an occasion not only to offer prayer and personal sacrifice for the Church's mission to the nations but also to nurture the missionary spirit of all parishioners.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2008-2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal has begun. This is an invitation for our parish to join the 86 other parishes of the diocese in working together to meet the needs of our diocesan family. The theme this 2008-2009 year is "Our Vision for the Future" with funding targeted for the many ministries within the diocese, several of which directly benefit our parish. These include seminarians and vocations, catechetics, youth and family life ministries, the school of ministry and Catholic Charities. Our target amount for St. Mary's is \$3,660.

Parish Offices Closed

The offices at both churches will be closed on Wednesday, October 15 for property inspections.

Knights of Columbus

Please come and join us every second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 7:00 PM in St. Mary's Hall. For information call Grand Knight, Nick Whalen at 256-3063 or (661) 209-2564.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus will be holding another drawing this December for some great prizes as a fundraiser. The following prizes are:

- 1st prize – 42" Westinghouse 1080 LCD TV
- 2nd prize - \$500.00 Cash
- 3rd prize – A Brinkman Stainless Steel 4 burner BBQ Stove with Tank
- 4th prize – An off-white handmade Afghan
- 5th prize – A multi-colored Afghan

The drawing for all prizes will be held on Sun., December 14, 2008 at a special pancake breakfast in the hall. Details TBA. Winners need not be present.



Youth Group

<http://www.ekkesialifeteen.coms>

Next meeting – Oct. 20 in Mojave.

Hospitality Ministry

Steve and Regina Lightner (256-7651) will care for the "Visiting Homebound/Nursing Homes.

Al and Mary Ann Charlberg (256-3946) chair "Greeting New Parishioners".

Jeanne Charbonneau (256-7579) is chairing our "Sending out Cards".

Please call and inform them of anyone that is in need.

Volunteers are still needed for various chairs. If interested please contact Marcie at 256-4599.

A Prayer Campaign

A special prayer campaign has been set up on this website (www.prayer-campaign.org) that invites you to pray along with others between now and Election Day, November 4th. The prayer asks that God's people will be active in the electoral process and be guided in their decisions by their commitment to Christ.

All Saints Day Potluck

A potluck is being planned as a social get-together for both parishes on Nov. 1, after the St. Mary's 6 PM Mass in the Parish Hall. We're encouraging adults and children to dress as their favorite Saint. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed in divisions of adults, ages 8-16 and ages 0-7. For more information please contact Marci 256-4599.

Reminders

Baptism Classes in both English and Spanish will be on Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 PM in the hall.

Parish and Finance Councils have been set for Saturday, October 18 in the Parish Hall at 9 and 10 AM.

Latin Choir – Error last week - practices are set each week on Tuesdays in the church at 6:30 pm.

Last Week's Collection

Weekend of October 4-5

Total Contributions: \$3,087.52
Building/Maint. Fund: \$1,436.05



Pastor's Corner

When ministers gather at ecumenical gatherings, they talk shop – especially about what their ministries have in common. Ministers see a lot of weddings, and weddings are often the topic of conversation. At one meeting the conversation was about how many wedding guests make no effort to dress for the occasion. While the wedding party dresses formally and most of the guests are dressed up as well, some still insist on attending in jeans and tee-shirts.

The cable TV show “What Not to Wear” is popular. Viewers get to see individuals who truly have no sense of style or little sense of appropriateness in their choice of clothes. The hosts of the show help individuals learn to choose clothing that enhances their appearance. A common statement made by style-challenged people is that they think their selection of clothing makes a statement about themselves. The hosts point out that, yes, the clothes do make a statement, and that the statement is almost always negatively received by others.

Clothing choices can put individuals at risk. During the 18th century, the British command put soldiers in the Caribbean to protect Britain's interests. The “red coat” uniform with which we are familiar was a wool uniform designed for the cold climates of Europe, and the inflexible British command would not modify it. Commanders even insisted that the soldiers wear their traditional flannel underwear. This foolhardy rule about clothing severely affected the fighting ability of the British soldiers in the Caribbean. The United States was no less foolish in failing to provide cold weather gear to our soldiers during the Korean War. This lack of foresight had severe consequences.

Jesus' parable in the Gospel this weekend is very clear. The invitation to the wedding feast was sent to all the expected people: the powerful, the wealthy, and the educated. By analogy, these people were the leaders of Israel. The messengers were prophets, some of whom were killed while doing the king's or the Lord's bidding. Finally, the invitation is extended to the least expected, bade and good alike. Then, there is the one person who showed up but failed to wear an appropriate wedding garment.

Just as the style-challenged or the arrogant feel that they are making a personal statement, so did this person. “I'll come, but only on my terms!” Far too many of us make this statement when we approach the Lord, failing to appear before in appropriate attire.

Isaiah speaks of “the veil that veils all peoples.” This can mean several things. It could even suggest the curtain in the Temple that covered the entrance to the holy of holies.

As we approach the feast of Christ the King (November 23), the feast celebrating the coming of the Lord at the end of time, Isaiah had us look toward that time. He describes God in military terms. This is the feast given for the war hero who had conquered the nation's enemies. A gift of this time is that the veil will be removed. The “web” that covers the eyes of other nations and keeps them from seeing the God of Israel will be removed.

We have been invited to this feast. Will we show up on the day the Lord returns, or will we be too busy without our own pursuits? Will we, like some in the parable, refuse to come? We will, like others, ignore the invitation? Have we killed the messenger by so effectively shutting Him out that there are no more voices calling us? Will we approach

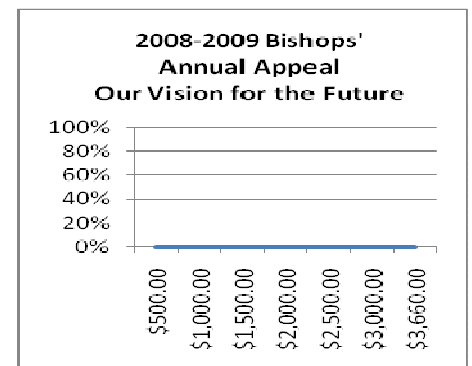
God but insist on approaching Him on our own terms?

The point of the guests who showed up inappropriately dressed is that while everyone may be invited, God does have standards.

Perhaps there should be a show like “What Not to Wear” for those who profess to have faith in God. It would be good if someone could show us how to put our best-dressed foot forward. But, with the veil removed, perhaps there already is a place that can give us lessons. This place is not a “show,” although some might insist that it is.

Where we gather to learn how to “dress” for the Lord is at our Eucharistic assembly. We gather to hear the Word of God and to experience the presence of Jesus Christ. Though some do show up well dressed and some show up in clothes they wouldn't shop in, it is not the clothing we've come to display.

We come to the Eucharistic Feast to see the Lord and to see if how we have dressed our souls is appropriate. We dress ourselves in how we live our lives. Hopefully these clothes will not get us thrown out of the banquet.



St. Francis “Sending our Cards” - Chaired by Frances Valpey, 824-2840.

Nancy Valpey (824-4201) from St. Francis is caring for the “Visiting Homebound/Nursing Homes”. Please call Nancy if anyone that is in need.