

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2009

*"The miracle performed by Elisa finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens his hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In him we form one body."*

## Pray for the Repose of Souls

*Fr. Rafael Kyibiineh*

*Marie Facey*

*Msgr. Patrick Flood*

*Harold Retzke*

*May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

## Mass Intentions

### St. Mary

Sat.	7/25	6:00 PM	† Msgr. I. Alfonso Simon
Sun.	7/26	10:30AM	Fr. Patrick Geo
"	7/26	12:15PM	Fr. John Kpan
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7/29</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
Thur.	7/30	8:00 AM	† Very Rev. Joachim Adam
Fri.	7/31	8:00 AM	† Rev. Bernardino Schiaparelli
Sat.	8/01	6:00 PM	Bill and Ramona Bossert by Charlene Baker
Sun.	8/02	10:30AM	Bill and Ramona Bossert by Charlene Baker
"	8/02	12:15PM	† Msgr. Francis Tasy

### St. Francis

Sun.	7/26	8:00 AM	† Anna Wheeler by Cindy Phillips & Melissa
Fri.	7/31	5:00 PM	Disesmo by Candida Faunte
Sun.	8/02	8:00 AM	Disesmo by Candida Faunte

## Thought of the Week

When we are in a situation where Jesus is all we have, we soon discover He is all we really need.

## Please Pray for the Sick

Delores Stratman, Fr. Leslie Shenoy, Vicki Ingram, Al Charlberg, Steven & Karen Hafmann, Eveyln & Tim Moore, Ron & Adaire Stratman, Glenn & Sandy Ames and new baby Kyler, Lou Charbonneau, Veronica Perez, Joshua McNeese, Shirley Neher, Tony Martinez, Stefan Zink, Louie Cavalletto, John Granholm, Michael Avilez, Viola Ewing, Belen De La Torre, Dean and Betty Zeigler, Sue Leone, Dora Leyva, Hilda Gonzalez, Frank Paulino, Clayton Clifford, Frances Lawrence, Judy Kohrs, David Schrorer, Luis Perez, Father Patrick Persinger, Edward Hays, Lula Olmos, Tim Miller, Carol Capko, Ronae Winroe and her baby, Ginger Turcotte, Nancy Glover, Oralia Torres, Tom Quinn, L. J. Pope, Rosemarie Lampino, Mario and Lucy Carreño, Omar A., Wayne Lester, Pat and Donna Ryan, Grace Sanchez, Anthony Langsine, Maggie Hopkins, Mike Nehl, Teresa Hernandez, Florence Stratman, John Klay, Heriberto Villegas, John Lite, Ben Canaday, Martha Perry, Shelly Bryant, Joe Gonzales, Kristian Silva, Kathleen Lindstron, Carol Caniete, Marcos Avina, Christopher Avina, Dennis Focht, Autumn Ginn, Erwin Stratman, Sandy Hamman, James Smith, Joshua Borne, Frances Branham, Peggy and Randy Medford, Ray Baxter, Diane Muzach, Maribel Scoglio, and all those in need of prayer.

**Please keep us informed of the progress of those listed and let us know when a name should be removed.**

## Retreats Conferences Campaigns Pilgrimages

### The Rock

"The Rock" is a worship event that will provide the opportunity to truly experience the Holy Spirit in all of its glory. There will be worship music provided by our worship team followed by an inspirational skit that reveals Gods love to us through the art of acting. It will be held at Saint Philip's The Apostle Church - 7100 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93309 in the Logan Hall on Friday, July 31, 2009 at 7 o'clock pm. If you have the desire to truly feel Gods presence then this is for you! Please contact Chris Ruiz at 661-340-4577 or [ruiz4577@yahoo.com](mailto:ruiz4577@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or need more information.

### Marriage Help - Retrouvaille

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through times of trouble, disillusionment, and misery in their marriages. There is HOPE for your marriage. For confidential information about and/or to register for any of the 2009 Central Valley weekends listed below please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**Modesto Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> - 30 & Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> / Sacramento Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> / Fresno Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**

### Holy Cross Ministries - Annual Healing Retreat

Retreat Master will be Fr. Tom Di Lorenzo. This year theme will be "Jesus, Our Divine Physician" starts on Friday, August 21 and ends Sunday, August 23 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers. The cost is \$180.00 per person double occupancy. For more information contact Holy Cross Ministries at (559) 271-1246 or on their website: [www.holycrossministries.net](http://www.holycrossministries.net).



## Pastor's Corner

### Gratitude To God And The Neighbor

Every creature on earth and under the earth owes its existence entirely to God the almighty Father. As his special creation, God has endowed the human person with intelligence and wisdom which enables us take possession and control of our lives. Whatever and who-ever we are, and in whatever position we find ourselves, we owe it to the benevolence of God. We are all therefore, called to be ever thankful to God our Father for the gift of our lives.

Among the "Dagaaba" of Northern Ghana in West Africa, there is a proverbial saying that the cock after feeding wipes its peak on the ground and looks upwards in gratitude to God for the feed. It means that if even the birds of the air can acknowledge the providential love and care of God for them, we who have been so specially created should live our entire lives in constant gratitude to God for making us what we are. The book of Daniel 3: 57 – 88 calls on every creature to praise the Lord. This makes us grow in the grace of God and enables us enter deeper into the mystery of God. In expressing gratitude to God, we by that fact, acknowledge our total dependence on him and that whatever we have and are, we owe to him. This further opens up God's store of grace to us. No single day should end for anyone of us without the expression of an act of gratitude to God in prayer.

Since no man is an island, we need the presence and support of one another. Since God can use human vehicles as channels of his grace, we need to recognize the

value of the other. We should therefore be appreciative of one another without allowing material possessions to prevent us from recognizing the worth of the other. Let us be grateful for the gift of each other.

It is in the light of this essential value of life that I express my heart felt and profound gratitude first of all to the almighty God and to you the good people of this Parish for all you have been to me during my period of ministry in your Parish. It was an over whelming experience for me. I appreciate all your care and love. You gave me a sense of being and dignity. You opened the doors to your hearts and homes to me and made me feel welcome. I never for once felt I was a stranger in a foreign land. I thank especially those of you who invited me to your homes and shared your time and resources with me. I will for ever remain grateful to you and will keep you all in my prayers. May the Good Lord replenish a hundred fold what-ever you may have spent on me. I will be stepping out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August for the new Admin-istrator, Fr. Pat Geo to take over the Parish. Show him love and cooperate with him so that together you will build God's kingdom of love, peace and unity here in the dessert.

For those who would like to stay in touch with me when I am gone back to Africa in October, this is my contact:

**Rev Fr John Kpan**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**  
**Post Office box 7**  
**Tumu, Upper West Region**  
**Ghana, West Africa.**


### *God Bless You All.* *Important Changes*

Last week a new day and time was scheduled for the sacrament of Reconciliation per Father John's request. However, this change may not be permanent.

Please keep in mind that Father Patrick Geo may schedule a different day and time.

In Rosamond there will be **no** sacrament of Reconciliation **on Tuesday, July 28.**

At St. Francis the sacrament of Reconciliation will be from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** on Thursday July, 30.

Father John will **not be available to do Mass** on Tuesday, July 28 and Wednesday, July 29, there be Communion Service. 

### *Farewell*

We would like to Thank Father John for all his help while Father Patrick Geo was away. Join us for a Farewell Party on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> around 6:00pm at Ramon's in Rosamond.



### *Second Collection*

Our second collection on **August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** the will be for the "Building and Maintenance Fund". Your contributions greatly help to maintain the church property. The new office and classrooms should be ready the middle of August.

### *Adoration & Anointing*

First Friday Adoration and Anointing of the Sick at St. Mary and St. Francis **may be cancel for Friday, August 7, 2009** if Father Patrick Geo doesn't arrive on time.

*July 2009*



**BAPTISM**  
Fabian Robles  
Ivan Montes

## *Baptism Class*

Baptism classes both in English and Spanish will be on Monday, **August 10**, in St. Mary Hall at 7pm. Both parents and Godparents need to attend.

## *Church Council*

St. Francis Church Council will be meeting on Monday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting room.

## *St. Mary*

On Saturday, **August 8<sup>th</sup>** St. Mary's Church Council will be meeting at 9 am in Rosamond. If the Director cannot attend an alternate must be present. Please note - one person can only represent one ministry. The following ministries must be present:

Youth Ministry  
Music Ministry  
Latin Choir Ministry  
Legion of Mary  
Spanish Prayer Ministry  
Food Bank  
Religious Education (CCD)

## *CCD Registrations*

St. Mary and St. Francis  
Registration hours for all CCD students are from **9 to 5 pm Tuesday to Friday** in the Administration Office.

**In July and August the fee will be \$75.00** for the first child and a reduced rate for each additional child in the same family. **In September and thereafter the fee will be \$100.00.**



## *Bishops Anniversary Mass for Married Couples*

All married couples are cordially invited to join Most Reverend John T. Steinbock, Bishop, Diocese of Fresno at a special Mass to honor and celebrate their 2009 wedding

anniversary. Couples celebrating of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ year of married life will received special recognition. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am on **Saturday, September 12**, in the **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** 355 East Champlain Drive, Fresno, CA.

Family and friends are welcome. For more information, please contact Joanne Bauer by calling (559) 488-7474 ext 106 or via email [jbauer@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:jbauer@dioceseoffresno.org)

Please register by calling the Administration Office or provide the following information on a piece of paper and drop it in the Offertory Basket: Name of Couple Mr. and Mrs. (his & her) first name Last Name, Years married, daytime phone number, and home mailing address.

**The deadline is Wednesday, August 12, 2009.**

## *Health Care Reform*

Congress is working on health care reform, but unless abortion funding is explicitly excluded, this bill could mean the biggest expansion of abortion in decades. Please call your representative and Senator at (202) 224-3121 and tell them that you do not want the health care bill to fund abortions. For more information visit: [www.priestforlife.org](http://www.priestforlife.org).

This Prayer Campaign is organized through Priest for Life, the largest pro-life ministry in the Catholic Church and an approved Association of the Faithful. To download the prayer to keep abortion coverage out of health care reform, please visit [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org).



## *ST. ANTHONY RETREAT "Fanning Into Flame the Fire in Our Hearths"*

St. Anthony Retreat is offering an annual RCIA Renewal Retreat September 9-11, 2009, as a source of personal spiritual development

and renewal for RCIA teams, staff, and sponsors, and for the growing number of people in our parish who have come to faith through the RCIA. In this retreat, Fr. John Griesbach and Sr. Danielle Witt will focus on methods and skills for praying the Scriptures, and will explore the use of rituals that rekindle, deepen and enliven the fire of love in our hearts! Cost: \$150.00(shared); \$190 (private room), \$275 (married couples). Partial scholarships are available. Registration forms are available in the Administration Office or call (559) 561-4595.

## *Open House*

**St. Mary of the Desert**  
will be having on Open  
House on **Saturday,**  
**August 29 at 3:00 pm.**

**St. Francis of Assisi**  
will be having on Open  
House on **Sunday,**  
**August 30 at 9:30 am.**

Parents will be able to introduce themselves to their child(s) teacher(s), visit which classroom their child will be in (remember we have new classrooms), and receive the yearly CCD Schedule and guidelines. We look forward to seeing you in the Church Hall.

Refreshments will be served!!!

## *R.C.I.A.*

(The Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults)

There are many reasons to attend/participate in RCIA. Here are a few reasons one might consider:

1. I am Catholic, but have been away from the Church for a while.

2. I am a Catholic and want to learn more about the faith.
3. I have been baptized, but have not received the other Sacraments.
4. I am not Catholic; I am thinking about converting.

The Christian initiation is an ongoing process, and it is part of the ongoing life of any parish. During this time, one will experience the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in one liturgical cycle. This process will allow God's grace to move in a person's life based on a person's time and place on their faith journey.

### *St. Mary*

RCIA will be in two groups: Youth (18 to 21) and Adult (21 and up). RCIA sessions are schedule to start on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7 pm.**

### *St. Francis*

RCIA sessions in Mojave are schedule to start on **Thursday, September 10**, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. If you have any question please call Doug Clipperton at (661) 824-4264.

### *Team*

RCIA is looking for individuals for the RCIA Team. Experience require the completion of all sacraments of initiation. If you are interested, please contact John Hricko at (661) 256-4505.



Life Teen next gathering will be for a "Drive-In Movie" on Monday, August 10 in Rosamond. All teens grades 9 to 12 are welcome.

[www.ekkesialifeteen.com](http://www.ekkesialifeteen.com)

## *Liturgical Ministries*

Would you like to be part of St. Mary and/or St. Francis ministry: such as Lector, E.M, Altar Server, or Usher? If interested, please let John Hricko know at (661) 256-4505.



### *Latin Choir News*

Latin Choir is looking for new members, who love to sing! Come join us! Our practice is on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. If you have any questions please call Beth at 256-1506.

### *Tribute To Our*



### *Parish Heroes*

If you would like to honor your own family hero on the tribute to Our Parish Heroes that will be on display at St. Mary and St. Francis for Veterans Day please provide us with a picture - no larger than 3 1/2" by 2 1/2". We would like to pay tribute to our Heroes serving on Active duty in the Armed Forces of our Country as well as our Reserves, National Guard and Retired Military.

Please request a form from the ushers after Mass. We would like to have all information by no later than **October 15.**



### *Daily Readings*

Monday 7-27	Ex 32:15-24
Tuesday 7-28	Ex 33:7-11
Wednesday 7-29	Ex 34:29-35
Thursday 7-30	Ex 40:16-21
Friday 7-31	Lv 23:1, 4-11
Saturday 8-01	Lv 25:1, 8-17



**OUR FAITH  
OUR FAMILY  
OUR FUTURE**

As of June 30, our pledges to "Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future" diocesan campaign was up to 89.93% of our pledge goal. The Development Office staff is offering assistance for those parishioners who would like help to reconstruct their pledge. If you need assistance please call (559) 488-7414.

### *Calendar Inserts*

The monthly calendar inserts from the bulletin will be available next week for August.

### *Peter's Pence Collection*

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.

### *Last Week's Offerings*

#### **St. Mary**

General	\$2,196.83
Peter's Pence	\$445.15

#### **St. Francis**

General	\$1,313.41
Peter's Pence	\$165.36

Registered Parishioners: 497  
Envelopes Used: 129

Thank You for your support!