

St. Clare Parish



August 01, 2010 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Feast Days - Peter Scagnelli

Feast of Saint John Mary Vianney (1786-1859) ~August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggested the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional.

Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!"

In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven."

To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

**"Teach us to number our days
aright, that we may gain
wisdom of heart."**

- Psalm 90:12

This Week @ St. Clare

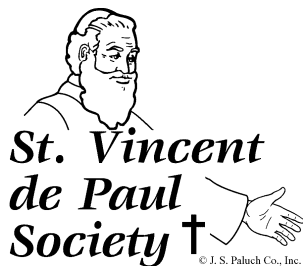
Fri., Aug. 06 **First Friday**
Mass at 7:45 am

Sat., Aug. 07 **First Saturday**
Mass at 7:45 am

The ONE Thing I Can Do..

**Slow down. Smell the roses.
Spend time with family. Take a
walk even when you have no
time. Call up a friend. Our lives
are so "busy" these days that
they fall by the wayside, like
autumn leaves and, before we
know it, we are in the winter of
our lives, with nothing to show
but bare branches.**

Parish Happenings



Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to all my fellow parishioners to say, "Thank You". Your generosity has helped us to continue to serve those in need in our parish. Our donated food collections have increased and made it possible for us to stay within our budget. Many people have come forward with "extra" donations. It is very heartening to see how this community can pull together to allow us continue to help our clients.

I am fortunate to be the president of a group with such outstanding members. The Vincentians that work here in the parish are dedicated and have made my job a real pleasure. If you'd like to see us in action, you can stop by the food locker (school parking lot) on the second or fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Be careful, however; their enthusiasm is catching. You might want to join in and share a great experience with us. We would welcome you to become part of what, for us, is a very rewarding ministry.

Thanks again and God Bless.

Jim Schroeder
President, St. Vincent de Paul Society

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are an adult interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic faith, then you are invited to participate in our RCIA program.

This process is gradual and progresses in steps and stages to prepare you for Full Initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. For further information, please contact Diane Madruga at 243-6766.

Ministry to Traveling Catholics

www.masstimes.org

If you plan to travel this summer, whether it's nationally or internationally, you can find a church and its mass times with a few strokes.

The above website allows you to enter the country name and local zip code and the site will give you a list of the nearest churches and their mass times.

Insights on Justice

By Jim Balquist, St. Lawrence Parish Social Justice Committee

A few weeks ago, I noted that Faithful Citizenship 2007 notes "Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bytes, and media hype". I gave a non-political example of the tactic of deliberate misinformation in the press coverage of Elin and Tiger Woods in which readers were deliberately manipulated to view Elin as the victimizer instead of the victim and presented a favorable image of Tiger.

Since then, the Shirley Sherrod situation emerged in which a political blogger, intentionally posted a highly misleading – and highly edited - video that made a mockery of reality and the truth, and that defamed and tried to destroy Ms. Sherrod by presenting her as a racist.

One part of the edited video gave the impression that Ms. Sherrod, who is black, had refused to help a white farmer 24 years ago, whereas in fact exactly the opposite was the case - she had helped save his farm as the full-complete video makes clear. The farmers, Eloise and George Spooner, were among the first to support her and work to correct this injustice.

What evil motives are we inadvertently supporting today that could lead someone to do this? What are we teaching our children? Does anyone care?

So we pose the same question today: Are you proud to be an American when the political process can make a mockery out of the concept of human dignity and the truth?

Are you proud to be an American when groups of people at work or in the neighborhood talk about this, laugh as if it were funny, and blow it off as "that's just politics". Ha. Ha. Ha!

Are you a participant in the political process, as strongly encouraged by the US Bishops in their Faithful Citizenship series? Whether or not you know the next step to take if you do care ...do you care?

In political communications, what else that you might currently believe true is untrue. How can a fair and loving God expect us to make responsible decisions without access to the truth? Maybe the concept that God works in our world today through us applies. What do you think?



Cool Kids Zone Camp!

Last Week!! 7:30 am - 6 pm. Monday through Friday. \$195/week. Your fee includes weekly trips!

Are your children looking for something to do this summer? Cool Kids Zone Camp is ideal for the child who wants variety during the summer.

This program offers basic day camping activities with a weekly highlighted trip. Campers will discover the wonders of nature through hikes and explore different parks in the area. In total there are eight weeks of fun, that are jam-packed with art, crafts, songs, games, hiking, skits, ecology, sports, bike days, water days and swimming.

This program also includes Academics for 1st - 5th grade as well as a Kindergarten Readiness program that will get your child ready for Kindergarten.

For more information and registration, see the web site: www.stclareschool.org



School Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open from 8:30am until 1:00pm from June 14 until July 1. Beginning Tuesday, July 6, the office will be available by appointment only. You may email the office at office@stclareschool.org or call (408) 246-6797 and Miss Cherell will contact you as soon as possible.

2010-2011 School Year Applications & Enrollment

We are still accepting applications for the coming school year. If you know anyone who is moving into the area or is considering a transfer, please let them know about our wonderful school! They can contact Miss Cherell at 246-6797 or office@stclareschool.org.



A Message From The Pastor

My dear Parish Family,

Time flies and I've "survived" a whole month at St. Clare's! I'm joking, of course.

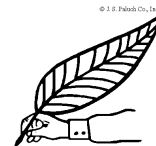
Rather than surviving, I'm learning and growing every day.

If you need to contact me, email is best. Here's by address: garanha@dsj.org.

My phone extension has changed. If you call me at 248-7786, you can leave me a message on phone extension 15.

Sincerely,

Fr. George Aranha




Presider's Schedule

Sat. & Sun. Aug 07/Aug 08

Sat	5:00 pm	Fr. Aranha
Sun	7:45 am	Fr. Mancha
	9:00 am	Fr. Aranha
	10:30 am	Fr. Aranha
	12:00 pm	Fr. Mancha
	1:30 pm	Fr. Olivera
	3:00 pm	Fr. Siu
	5:30 pm	Fr. Aranha

Parish Stewardship FY 10-11

Goal	\$
Contributions to Date	\$22,414
% of goal	
Week of 7/18	\$5,728
Week of 7/25	\$4,480
Parish Pay	\$1,580

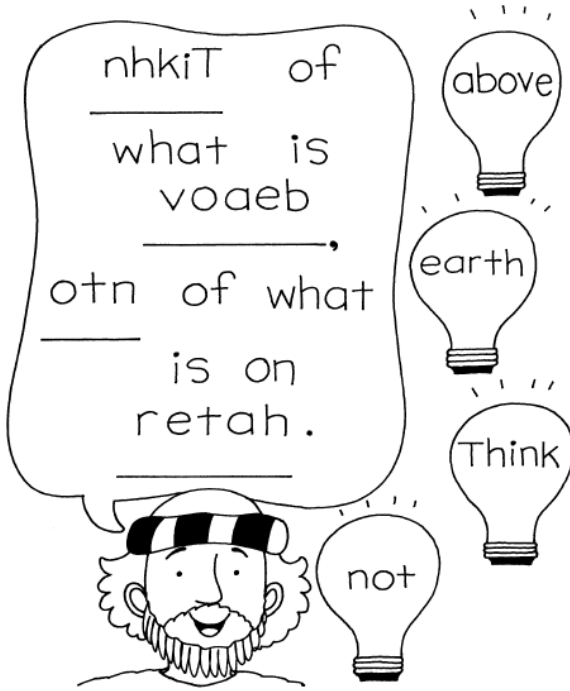
Thank you for your generosity!

**No Second Collection
Next Week**

Children's Activity Page

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Children Ages 5-7



Look at what Paul told people to do in Colossians 3:2.

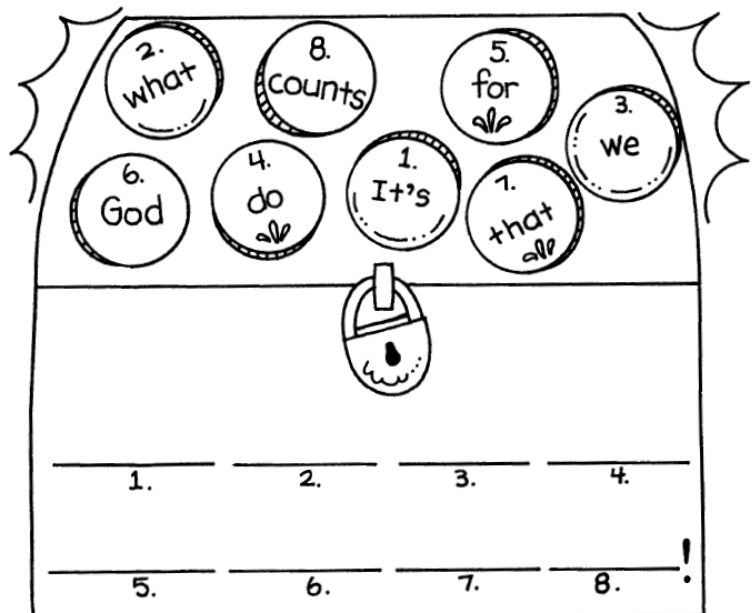
Some of the words are scrambled.

To help you rewrite them correctly, look at the words in the light bulbs.

Children Ages 7-10

We must be careful not to become greedy or let the things we own become too important. Instead we should become rich in what matters to God!

Arrange the coins in the treasure chest by number. It's important to remember this!



The Week In Scripture

Sun. 08/01	Ecll 1:2,2:21-23 Ps 90 Col 3:1-5,9-11 Lk 12:13-21
Mon. 08/02	Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119 Mt 14:13-21
Tues. 08/03	Jer 30:1-2,12-22 Ps 102 Mt 14:22-36
Wed. 08/04	Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31 Mt 15:21-28
Thurs. 08/05	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51 Mt 16:13-23
Fri. 08/06	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97 Lk 9:28b-36
Sat. 08/07	Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9 Mt 17:14-20
Vigil/08/07	Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33 Hb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 12:33-48

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 01: Encarnacion Recto Cruda+, Luiz F. Madruga+, Jose & Lourdes Delgado+, Joao, Adelina & Tony Nunes+, Rosa Cipriano+, Nelson Tenorio, Manuel Sardinha+, Laura Macedo+, Antonio Rodrigues+, Poor Souls in Purgatory+, Carl & Catalina Silva+, Antonio G. DaRosa+, Manuel Joaquim+, Jose B. Monteiro+, Maria Azevedo+, Michaela G. Delacruz+(A)

Mon., Aug 02: Guida Malein+

Tues., Aug 03: Joe Alves+

Wed., Aug 04: Luiz F. Madruga+, Josephine Mello+, Manuel B. Silva+

Thur., Aug 05: Carmelite Sister Christina

Fri., Aug 06: Germina Santos+, Luiz F. Madruga+, Nicolasa Valcazar+

Sat., Aug 07: Antonio & Ephigenia Rodrigues, Victor J. Rodrigues & Victor J. Rodrigues, Jr., Laurinda Camacho+

Beyond Our Parish

.Santa Clara Valley ICF

ICF District BBQ

Sunday, August 1, 12 pm-3 pm.
St. Martin of Tours Church, San Jose

All are invited to attend this district BBQ. Fun for all includes Bingo, Italian items, and a Country Store to buy dessert.

EWTN

A Profile in Courage: Fr. John F. Harvey, O.S.F.S.

August 4, 10 pm; August 7, 5 am

This documentary being aired on EWTN profiles Fr. Harvey, a humble and holy priest who founded the ministry of Courage, and directed it for 29 years. Courage, an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. Countless lives have been touched by Fr. Harvey's response to God's call and the unique ministry he helped to start.

Stories of Service

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!

Saturday, Aug 14, 12-5 pm, History Park @ Kelley Park, 1650 Senter Road, S.J.

Come out for an inspirational, educational, historic day to honor the legacy of our World War II generation. Bring the whole family for Victory Parade at 1 pm, live swing band music & dancing, WWII aerial flyover and children's activities.

To learn more, call 408.918.1042 or visit www.spiritof45.org/sv.

Retrouvaille

Stress In Your Marriage?

Weekend of August 20-22

Is your marriage or that of a relative, friend, or co-worker heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health.

Nothing Better

Nothing...is sweeter than love;
nothing higher, nothing stronger,
nothing larger, nothing fuller,
nothing better, in heaven or on earth.

~Thomas à Kempis

Attending couples can uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

For confidential information about it, or to register for the program, beginning with the weekend in August, call 408.605.4998 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Assyrian Church of the East

Assyrian Food Festival

August 21/22, 11 am-8 pm, 680 Minnesota Ave, San Jose (near Hwy 87 & Alma Ave)

Enjoy food, history and entertainment in one location! The Assyrian festival is a fun-filled weekend with non-stop activities, entertainment, special exhibits and authentic Assyrian foods. Enjoy plenty of activities for the kids as well as live music, folk dance, parades, raffle, crafts and a variety of fun events for the entire family.

For more information, visit www.assyrianfest.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Sept 24-26th
Mountain View

Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to reconnect to that special someone who loves you! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to register, please visit their website at: www.rekindleyourmarriage.org or contact Paul & Stephanie Francois, 408-287-3996 or Email: PaulandSteph@pacbell.net.

Worry

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better.

The things I worry about never happen.

~Anonymous

Boletim Paroquial Português

Reflexão por: João P. Arruda

A Liturgia deste Domingo leva-nos a reflectir no que é essencial nas nossas vidas. Nas Leituras, tanto no AT, como no NT, são muito claras em afirmar de que só, nos realizamos em Deus. É no amor a Ele e no próximo que se afirma a nossa felicidade. Então porque teimamos em viver numa ganância de acumular, se ao morrer-mos, não levamos um centavo connosco? Então porque continuamos a exercer a avareza fechando os olhos á miséria do próximo? Nem passou pela cabeça do homem rico passar o trigo que os celeiros existentes não levavam, aos que necessitavam de um naco de pão para a sua subsistência. Quando toda a nossa atenção se foca na acumulação de bens, o que é essencial; Deus e o próximo, deixam de existir. Já S. Paulo nos convidava a aspirar-mos ás coisas do alto. Não diz para descuidar-mos das coisas da terra, mas sim para não perder-mos o verdadeiro objectivo de viver para amar a Deus. Não podemos ficar indiferentes quando estamos rodeados de pobreza. Pelos valores de Deus, o rico não tem mais valor do que o pobre excepto no dinheiro, riqueza ou po-

der. Qualquer desses valores terrestres não dão garantias de uma vida eterna. Decerto que não dão garantias de alegria e felicidade. Se o mundo é de todos, custa a compreender como poucos possuem o que falta á maioria das pessoas (pobres, de parcos haveres para a própria vivência). Apoiar-mo-nos em bens, bem ou mal acumulados, é andar em areias movediças ou terreno pantanoso. Somos chamados a ter consciência do bem e do mal, e também, saber diferenciar o sólido do supérfluo. O apêgo aos bens materiais, faz com que as pessoas percam-se por labirintos que não leva a Deus e no processo ficam ocas, vazias de tudo o que conduz á felicidade eterna. Jesus incita-nos a lutar contra a avareza e partilhar fraternalmente o que temos com os irmãos.

Piquenique Comunitário

O CPP promove no Central Park desta cidade o pic-nic annual para a nossa comunidade no Domingo 29 deste mês. Em causa está o facto de que esta promoção tem por objectivo angariar fundos monetários, cujo os mesmos, são revertidos nos vários programas e actividades da nossa

comunidade nesta paróquia. A cooperação de todos é extremamente importante. Este ano além do que habitualmente faz parte deste evento: boa comida e boa disposição, o Home Depot contribuirá com a sua presença em apoio na diversão dos mais novos e publicidade de productos para os não tão novos. Traga um amigo, artigos para leiloar rifa ou quermesse e sobretudo compre bilhetes que os mesmos podem ser obtidos através de qualquer membro do CPP.

Retiro Espiritual

Para um fim de semana espiritual, nada como deixar-nos levar pelo coração e termos a oportunidade de nos sentirmos mais perto de Deus. O fim de semana do Labor Day, (3-5 de Setembro próximo podem ter essa oportunidade indo para o chamado Retiro de Santa Cruz. Mais detalhes virão nos próximos boletins. Para Já pensem nesta data e na alternativa de vida que este evento pode oferecer.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!

Boletín Parroquial Español

Reflexión

Hoy el mensaje de las Escrituras contiene algunas frases todavía familiares en nuestro mundo: "Todo es vanidad" y "come, bebe y sé feliz" tienen su origen en la Biblia. Así como resulta fácil rezar el Padre Nuestro sin pensar, también es fácil dejar que los potentes mensajes bíblicos que se fundan en dichos de sentido común se deslicen por nuestros resbaladizos oídos.

El mensaje bíblico de la semana pasada nos instruyó a escuchar atentamente al Señor, para que podamos rezar con cuidado. Nuestro oír y nuestro rezar están íntimamente ligados. De igual manera, esta semana aprendemos que nuestros valores y nuestra vida también están ligados. Se ha tornado común preguntar: "¿Eres amor de tus posesiones o son ellas las que te poseen?" Al igual que las máximas de las lecturas de hoy,

podemos sentirnos tentados a citarlas sin más, y pensar que al hacerlo verdaderamente las consideramos, y tal vez las vivimos. No es verdad, nos dicen hoy Qohelet, Pablo y Jesús. No es malo atesorar o deleitarnos en las cosas de la tierra o de nuestra propia humanidad; sólo está mal cuando lo que nos deleita no es de Dios, y no son del Cristo que se entrega.

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Bautismos

Normalmente las clases de bautismo son el primer lunes de cada mes y los bautismos se celebran el tercer sábado del mes a las 10 am, con ciertas excepciones. Es necesario venir a la oficina y llenar una forma de bautismo para anotarse en el mes que le gustaría bautizar. Para bautizar en nuestra parroquia es necesario ser miembros de la parroquia. Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina.

Convivencia Hispana

Nuestra comunidad celebrará su tradicional picnic anual con misa al aire libre, rica carne y pollo asado el domingo 29 de agosto a las 12:00 p.m. en el area del estacionamiento. Tendremos juego de Bingo y solicitamos su amable cooperación con artículos para los premios, al final de las misas se informará donde pueden llevarlos.

Rezar El Santo Rosario

Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario todos los lunes a las 6:00 p.m. en la Rectoría. Para mayor información contactar a Toñita Ayala.

No Hay Nada Mejor

No hay cosa más dulce que el amor; nada más fuerte, nada más alto, nada más ancho, nada más alegre, nada más lleno, ni mejor, en el cielo ni en la tierra. —

Tomás de Kempis

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Office Hours M-F: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Daily	MWFSa	7:45 am
	TTH	5:30 pm
	Holidays	9:00 am

Saturday Vigil		5:00 pm
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Sunday	English	7:45 am
	English - Family	9:00 am
	Portuguese	10:30 am
	Spanish	12:00 pm
	Cantonese	1:30 pm
	Mandarin	3:00 pm
	Chinese Youth (Lower Church)	3:00 pm
	English	5:30 pm

Reconciliation	2nd & 4th Saturday
	3:30 pm - 4:30pm

Prayers for Vocations/ Benediction	4th Tues, 5:15 pm
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Baptism

Spanish

Prep Class	1st Mon., 7 pm
Baptisms	3rd Sat., 10 am

English

Prep Class	2nd Mon., 7 pm
Baptisms	4th Sat., 10 am

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Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Office Manager
Catechetical Ministry

Receptionist
Facilities Manager
Webmaster

School Staff

Principal
Office Manager

Liturgy

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Altar Servers
Environment
Baptism Preparation
Funeral Coordinator
Quinceañera Coordinator
Vocations Committee
Children's Liturgy

Community & Service

Pastoral Council

Finance Council

Serra Club of Santa Clara

St. Vincent De Paul

Young Ladies' Institute (YLI)

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF)

Hispanic Community

Portuguese Community

Mandarin Community

Cantonese Community

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