



Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

July 21, 2013

The Lord sustains my soul!

A Guest in the Home Is God in the Home

An ancient *Polish* adage says that when we welcome people, we welcome God himself. In today's first reading, Abraham didn't recognize that he was being visited by God himself.

Andrei Rublev, the greatest medieval Russian painter of Orthodox icons and frescoes, painted an icon of the Holy Trinity. The prototype for this icon was the mysterious appearance of the Holy Trinity in the form of three travelers to Abraham and Sarah under the oak of Mamre. On the icon, we can see that all three angels are blessing the chalice, in which lies a sacrificed calf, prepared for eating. The sacrifice of the calf signifies Jesus Christ's death on the cross, while its preparation as food symbolizes the sacrament of the Eucharist.

My dear friends, before receiving the Eucharist we say: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.* We acknowledge how great a gift we receive. We recognize that the Holy Trinity dwells in us. "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant," Abraham said. (Genesis 18:3) If we welcome people, we welcome God himself.

In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard the parable of the Good Samaritan. Today we hear the story of Martha, who represents a person who works for God, and Mary, who listens to God. Martha and Mary represent active and contemplative stages in our lives. We need both in our daily Christian lives, with our eyes looking up to heaven and feet standing firm on the ground. God speaks here and now. In different stages of our lives, we need to be more active or more contemplative. I only know what I need here and now. The advice of others does not always apply to me. In reply to Martha's complaint, the Lord said, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

Fr. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

Mass for the Intentions *Week*

July 20 – 27, 2013

	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, July 20	5 p.m. Christopher Manion †	Beatrice Rougeau
Sunday, July 21	8 a.m. Paul Liu – Thanksgiving	Mary Huang
	9:30 a.m. Special Intention	Jean Coppock
	11 a.m. St. John's Parishioners	St. John the Baptist Parish
	12:30 p.m. Dominador Ponce †	Jasmin Salcedo
	6 p.m. St. John's Parishioners	Brazilian Community
Monday, July 22	8 a.m. Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
Tuesday, July 23	8 a.m. Maria Serafina †	Delcina Mota
Wednesday, July 24	8 a.m. Francis Bedard †	Susana Morales
Thursday, July 25	8 a.m. Cesar Cruz †	Lacsina Family
Friday, July 26	8 a.m. Blessed Mother's Intentions	Elaine LeCrom
Saturday, July 27	8 a.m. Carlos Go †	Rosie Murphy
	5 p.m. Vernice & James Shaughnessy †	Noreen Shaughnessy

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (121)	\$2,432
Loose Donations	<u>1,200</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3,632
Mission Cooperative	\$3,855
Next Weekend: CFCA	

Please remember St. John's in your will.

Message of Stewardship

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?



Carlos Martinez

Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Crisostomo & Virginia Alday, Jade Austin, Evelyn Baker, Stella Baptista, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Marta Belanger, Barbara Brendlinger, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini, Lena Cardella, Jeff Chavez, Bernadine Clark, Jennette Cleadenger, Ernesto P. Cruz, Deloris Davis, Juanita Estrellas, Ann Gerletti, Philomena Giese, Mike Giovannini, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Frances Haynes, Helen Holloway, Mary Huang, Pat & Ray Jeffre, Addie Kasari, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada, Marian Luoma, Alvina Lyons, Al Marty, Nancy McVey, Philip Moore, Victoria Payless, Linda Schneider, Jack Sudall, Salvador Tejero, Anna Verbanac, Janice Williamson and Helene Wulbern.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.

Next Weekend: CFCA

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Anthony Nguyen, CSsR, who will be with us to celebrate Mass and tell us about the work of the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging.

CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and the elderly in 22 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit CFCA online at www.hopeforafamily.org

Come and Adore Jesus

You are encouraged to sign up to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for an hour a week in St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel.

The chapel is silent for reflective prayer, except for specified times for community prayers:

Daily Community Prayers

3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Chaplet
9 p.m.: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
10 p.m.: Spanish Prayers (except Sunday)

Weekly Community Prayers

Monday Noon: Carmelite prayers
Tuesday Noon: Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.: Perpetual Help
Wednesday 7-9 p.m.: Spanish Prayers
Thursday 6:15 p.m.: Santo Niño Devotion
Friday 6:15 p.m.: Sacred Heart Devotion
Saturday 11 p.m.-3 a.m.: Spanish Prayers

Drama on St. Francis

St. Columba Catholic Church (at 6401 San Pablo Ave.) in Oakland, in conjunction with In-scape Ministries, will present the one-man reader's theater, *St. Francis, Face to Face* at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 28.

There is no charge for this performance, but a goodwill offering will be appreciated. For more information, call Maria Creer at the parish office, 654-7600.

Immigration Forum, July 28

Local immigration and citizenship legal service organizations will be hosting an immigration forum next Sunday, July 28, at St. Bernard's Church (1620 62nd Ave.) in Oakland.

Highlight of the day will be a multi-lingual presentation at noon from Catholic Charities of the East Bay legal staff on the realities and myths of reform. East Bay Naturalization and Bay Area DACA (Dream Act) legal service organizations will be providing free legal consultations and application assistance to low-income applicants.

Referrals to community legal service agencies and attorneys will also be provided. People who want applications assistance with citizenship or DACA should call 768-3137 to register.

Join a Church Ministry

Altar Server

Contacts: Fr. Rafal Duda 232-5659
Simaima Sekona 837-0815

5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Choir

Contact: Marissa Bautista 502-5076

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir

Contact: Andy Gutierrez 559-3762

11 a.m. Adult Choir

Contact: Andy Gutierrez 559-3762

12:30 p.m. Multi-Cultural Choir

Contact: Ligia Britto 525-9066

Church Cleaner

Contact: Noreen Shaughnessy 235-6640

Church Decorator

Contact: Simaima Sekona 837-0815

Eucharistic Minister

Contact: Tom Kennedy 501-3956

Lector

Contact: Mer Engalla 669-9204

Usher

Contact: Geraldine Judt 233-1960

We've Almost Reached Our Goal

We need only \$486 in donations and pledges to meet our parish's goal for the 2013 Bishop's Appeal.

If you have not already contributed, please consider giving to help put us over the top.

Donation envelopes are at the exits of the church, or you can mail your donation to the church office.

Thank you for your support.

St. John's Seniors

St. John the Baptist Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave., corner of Lexington

Director: Jan Duckart 527-2850

Telephone 237-3808 on Tuesdays

11:30 a.m. July 23: Berkeley Humane Society,

Emily Lines & Christina Verduzco:

Pet Adoption and Volunteers

12:30: Lunch