

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** January 20, 2013

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2* 

#### A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

#### **Peninsula Catholic Young Adults**

Are you a young adult (22-40) who is looking to enrich your faith in a social setting? The PCYA is a ministry based at St. Gregory's in San Mateo for those young adults in the mid-peninsula who are seeking something new from church. Check us out on Facebook or our website! We will be gathering on Tuesday, Jan 22nd.

> FB: facebook.com/peninsulacya Email: peninsulacya@gmail.com https://sites.google.com/site/peninsulacya

FILIPINO CHOIR MASS
This Sunday, January 20th at noon

There will be a special collection next weekend for

#### St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park

Please be generous in your support for its seminarians who will one day serve our parishioners as priests.



#### **Sunday Collection** \$9,142.69

Thank you! Your generous contributions help to make our ministries possible.

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#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Rite of Acceptance

The following adults participated in this Rite at the 9:00 am Mass last weekend:

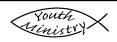
> **Richard Johnson** is preparing for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Douglas Bates, Elizabeth Bates, Andrew Dittrich, Judy Manuel and Carol Marks

are already baptized and are now preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church.

In this Rite they acknowledged their acceptance of the gospel, their willingness to be disciples of Jesus and their intention to be initiated into the Catholic Church during the Easter Season. Please remember these candidates in your prayers.

#### Youth Mass Next Sunday January 27th at 5:30 pm



Followed by dinner and Youth Ministry meeting in the catacombs All parish high school students and their friends are welcome!



to all those who helped with taking down our Christmas decorations so that our church environment could be readied for the start of Ordinary Time. And a special thanks to the Confirmation students who volunteered their time! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Kathy Carr is the **Parish Council** contact member for the month of January. Call her at 261-1806 with questions or suggestions.



#### DID YOU KNOW about Vatican II...?

Two issues which were not in the debates at Vatican II were birth control & celibacy.

These were withdrawn by the pope.

# In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The Second Vatican Council St. Pius Parish invites us to their Monthly Speaker Series

The Next Speaker is
Fr. Gerald Coleman, SS
VP Corporate Ethics
Daughters of Charity Health Systems
on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 - 8:30
His topic is **Moral Theology**Homer Crouse Hall
1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City
laura@pius.org or 650-361-1411

MEALS FOR PARISH PRIESTS - It is not too late! The parish is looking for volunteers to cook for two of our priests on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the months of January thru June. You may sign up to provide a ONE TIME meal or more meals if you like. Meals would be simply prepared at home and delivered to the rectory. If you are preparing a dinner for your family you can prepare just a little extra to help our parish priests. To volunteer go to http://www.foodtidings.com/SignUp.aspx?

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 9th Annual

#### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Sat, Jan 26th - Civic Center Plaza - San Francisco

Join other pro-lifers as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women (and men) and that we all deserve better than abortion.



St. Gregory's will provide a bus to the site with priority given to St. Gregory parishioners

To reserve a seat please call Dave Arms at 333-7338

Meet the bus at St. Gregory's at 9:30 am For more info about event, WalkforLifeWC.com



#### JANUARY 19 TO JANUARY 27

Saturday	5:00 †	Antonio and
		Carolina Medeiros
Sunday	7:30 †	Sabino Zubillaga
	9:00 †	Policarpio Flores
	10:30	St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00†	Corazon Ubalde
	5:30 †	Leonila Alberto
Monday	8:30 †	Vincenzo Fazio
Tuesday	8:30 †	Alvera Germano
Wednesday	8:30 †	Raymond Yazzolino
Thursday	8:30 †	Luigi Romani
Friday	8:30 †	Edward Mifsud
Saturday	8:30 †	Jane Heaps
		Charles Chetcuti
Sunday	7:30 †	Regina Kramer
	9:00	Norman Siri
	10:30	St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00†	Raymond Fellman
	5:30 †	Antonio and
		Carolina Medeiros

## The Gregorian Seniors

All parishioners 55 and over are invited to become members of the Gregorian Seniors. Members will attend Mass at 12:00 noon on **Friday, Feb 1st** followed by a buffet luncheon in the **Worner Center**. After lunch musical entertainment will be provided by E & J.

Membership forms will be available at the meeting. Annual dues are \$10. There is a lunch fee of \$6.00 per person. Correct change will be greatly appreciated. Non-members are welcome and the fee for lunch is \$10. It is important to call Irene Bluth at 345-8028 to make a reservation for lunch by Tues, Jan 29th so that there will be space at the table for you.

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Due to the current requirements of the tax law, a statement of your 2012 contributions to St. Gregory Church will be mailed to you by January 31st. No need to call the parish office this year.

### Book of James: A Roadmap for Christians

St. Gregory Bible Study Tuesday Evenings, Feb 12-March 26, 2013 7:00-8:30PM

Worner Center @ St. Gregory Church

This infrequently read book can be understood as our roadmap for the Christian journey. The unifying theme of the Book of James is:

"Be doers of the word, not hearers." (James 1:22)

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced scripture reader, consider joining us to learn and grow in faith.

There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the book. Call the Main Office at 345-8506 to register.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL AUCTION-The

auction committee is asking for your help. They would like some families to donate any items or any parties. A few examples from the past include: Time Shares, Condos, Progressive Parties, Bunko Nights, Oscar Events, Poker Nights and Giants' Games to name just a few. If you have an item that you can donate or are a group of parents that would like to host an event or party it would be graciously appreciated. Please contact

#### 2013 Men's Faith Study Group

the office@stgregs-sanmateo.org for a sponsor form. Thank you very much for any and all of

your support.

For those wishing to deepen their knowledge of our Catholic faith, please join us Saturday mornings at 7:00am as we reflect on the book "Rediscover Catholicism". It's a great way to help you to be the spiritual leader of your family and get to know other men in the parish.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Dave at (650) 333-7338

#### KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

St. Gregory School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 school year. Students <u>must</u> be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 and the family must be registered parishioners of St. Gregory's Parish. Applications are on-line at stgregs-sanmateo.org

The deadline for applications is January 29th.