

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2007

Pastor's Desk

Greetings! This weekend please welcome Fr. Tom Diaz, who will be presiding at all the masses. I received good news from Sarah and Eric Wilson, a young couple who attended Sacred Heart until Eric's Coast Guard duties took them to the Bay Area. They have a new little boy. Congratulations Eric and Sarah!

COMPLIMENTS SUCH AS, "Your daughter has lovely manners" or "Your son is quite the gentleman" are music to the ears of any parent. But the discipline that went in to achieving that model behavior was at least for a time sheer agony for the parent and the child. How many reminders to say "thank you" and "May I please be excused"; how many "but whys" and "do I have to" when it was time to quiet down or do the dishes?

Although your children might not appreciate it at the time, the discipline you encourage and model is a sign of your deep love for them and a sign of God's love, as well, for as Paul tells us: "Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

But discipline can take many forms, and parents walk a fine line on many occasions as they help shape their little charges into good citizens and compassionate Christians. "Scriptural accounts of Jesus' ministry actually set a high disciplinary standard," according to noted religion writer Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore. "Nowhere does Jesus advocate physical punishment. Instead, he goes out of his way to heal children, says they embody the kingdom, and threatens eternal damnation to anyone who would harm their faith."

"Discipline" and "disciples" share the same root, Miller-McLemore reminds us. "The disciples follow Jesus

... because he aligns himself with them and elicits their love, trust, and admiration."

Jesus' father must be quite proud.

This Sunday's reflection questions are:

- "Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees." Whatever suffering you may encounter, God calls you not merely to stop there. Are difficulties a symptom of something wrong in your priorities? Are they God's ways of telling you something? To what changes and solutions do problems point? God does not want you only to endure but to pick yourself up, learn from the experience, keep going, and "make straight paths for your feet."

- Where is the "narrow gate"? Do you seek the easy path in your faith, or look for the more demanding—and more rewarding—ways to salvation?

Have a great week and for those coming back to school - enjoy!

Have a great weekend!

Fr. Luis

Our Website

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Attention Altar Servers

The September schedules are on the table in the vestibule. Please pick up your copy. Also, watch the bulletin for the time and date of the upcoming training for new and returning altar servers. Thank you!

First Communion Sign-ups

Parents, if your child will be entering the First or Second Grade in the fall and you would like to enroll them in our First Communion class, please contact Genoveva Gomez at the parish office (443-8429) to receive a pre-registration form.

Leave a Legacy

A remembrance in your estate planning or your will to church or other favorite charities insures that future generations will benefit from your generosity.

International Day Picnic

The 4th annual International Picnic will be held after the 10:30am mass on September 16th, sponsored by LINK. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to come for a most enjoyable event.

The meal will consist of chicken, hot dogs, and salad provided by LINK, as well as a pot luck donated by parishioners. We are asking those who attend to bring main or side dishes if your last name begins with A-L, if it begins with M-Z please bring dessert. Dishes should be large enough to feed 10-12 people.

Our young dancers will entertain and there will be a 50/50 raffle and other games. Coffee, soft drinks and water will be provided at no cost; beer and wine will be available. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the church for those who want to attend (please indicate what types of food you would like to bring) and for those wishing to volunteer to help.

On Monday, August 27 at 7pm there will be a meeting in the parish center to finalize plans for the picnic. Any parishioners who would like to help with the event are invited to attend.

Cursillo Weekend

A Cursillo weekend is being held at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds from Thursday evening, Oct. 18 to Sunday, Oct. 21. Cursillo is a movement with the aim of developing Christian Leadership and Community. If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo please speak with one of our parishioners whose names are posted in the vestibule.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. Aug. 25	5:00pm	+John Myslin
Sun. Aug. 26	10:30am	+Dave Adams

Money Counters Are Still Needed

Thank you so much to Jack & Pat Daly, Elizabeth Edwards, Darla Notman, Barbara Nickols and Kathleen Bryson, who have volunteered to help with our Money Counters Ministry after the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. We are still in need of a few more volunteers, however, so that the schedule can be flexible enough to allow us to get the money counted when people need to go out of town on the weekends they are assigned to count. This means we need approximately 25 people, and at this point we have only 15. Please call the rectory if you could donate 1½ to 2 hours of your time one Sunday a month (and if we get enough volunteers even that can be flexible), or even just four times a year if you would be willing to help out on the Fifth Sundays when they occur.

ICF Chicken & Polenta Dinner

The Italian Catholic Federation is hosting a Benefit Chicken and Polenta Dinner on Sunday, September 9, at a NEW LOCATION – St. Mary's School Hall, 1690 Janes Rd. in Arcata. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for ages 6-12. There are two sittings, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Ester Guintoli (822-0612), Pete Stagnoli (822-4755), or Mary Tanferani (822-2128), or Kathy Giuntini (822-1455). Proceeds go to St. Mary's School and Church..

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees" (Today's Second Reading) Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter strengthen your Marriage. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: September 28-30, 2007. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Stephanie Francois at (209) 836-5443 or Email: PaulandSteph@pacbell.net.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 1/2 (First Sunday)

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
5 pm Sat	Linda Scott	Don Strickland	Bob Thul/Peg Kirkpatrick	Matteo Smullin CB Caroly& Angelica Smullin
8:30 am Sun	Steve Beckman/ James Mumford	Gary Agajanian	Please Volunteer	Elizabeth Simovich CB Morgan & Kathryn Dailey
10:30am Sun	Dan Lussier/ Liz McGee	Pat Walsh	Dennis McCollister/Betty Chinn Eva Willoughby/Chris Hake	Xochitl Fregoso CB Olivia Houghton/Raleigh
Willoughby			Paul Windham	