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Pastor's Note

Unity and Peace

In recent months, we have been praying for those affected by the events in Orlando, in Louisiana and Minnesota, and, finally, for what happened in Dallas. The victims, for whom we prayed, are from different backgrounds: gay, black, police officers... but they are all human beings with families; all Americans; each, a son or daughter of God. What is there that we do not understand? Diversity is not a reason to hate, and the actions of specific individuals cannot be used as an excuse to generalize the action of a few people.

We also will make an enormous mistake if we were to believe that the whole nation is motivated by hatred because it is not. But those actions, perpetrated by a few, affect all of us. They not only affect the perception that we have of circumstances, but they make us weak because they divide us.

When he visited the United States last fall, Pope Francis said the following in his speech to the United Nations:

El Gaucho Martín Fierro, a classic of literature in my native land, says: “Brothers should stand by each other, because this is the first law; keep a true bond between you always, at every time – because if you fight among yourselves, you’ll be devoured by those outside.”

Hatred and violence are against everything we stand for as citizens of this country and as Catholics. Violence, hatred, and discrimination are never the solution. It is precisely in this time that we need to remember who we are and what we believe. We need to work and pray for unity and peace among brothers and sisters.

We cannot be part of a world or a mentality that treats people differently because of their religion, race, sexual orientation, or profession. Nor should we condemn all for the wrong done by a few. And above all, we cannot approve in any way the use of violence; dialogue, understanding and forgiveness should be the solution: “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in a perfect unit. (Col 3:13-14).

As individuals and as a community, we need to work harder to build a world of unity and peace. This begins with each one of us, with our families, and with this parish.

It is precisely at moments like this that once again we need to be reminded that the solution has been and always will be Jesus Christ and His message of Peace. “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Cor 1:10).

And may we, as members of the Church, be to all “a sign of unity and an instrument of God’s peace” (Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II).

-Fr. Sergio
Sunday Ministry for Children & Youth
Please contact the Catechetical Office for program information.

Back Alley Block Party
Join us for an alley make-over event featuring:
BBQ from Time Deli • Ice Cream from Scoops Truck • Games/Activities for Kids
Music • Live Mural Painting • Bike Safety Games and Education
July 23rd • 12:00 pm-3:00pm
Business Circle Back Alley
@ W. San Carlos St. & S. Bascom Ave.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
The French Revolution is hardly a “treasure” in our story, yet in 1789 it began to dismantle the way the world was organized: feudalism. The collapsed society had three basic divisions: those who work, those who fight, and those who pray. There wasn’t a great deal of movement among the ranks, yet one way to move out of the workers and the fighters was in the direction of the folks who prayed. These were the First Estate, the clergy.

One of the key persons in any manor or village was the priest. He could read, at least a bit, and so was the source for pronouncements and news from government and Church. He was assigned to celebrate the sacraments frequently and in conformance with certain rules.

Seminaries did not exist before the Reformation. Astute Protestant reformers then forced the Catholic world toward a more educated and able clergy. Before that, young men apprenticed with a priest to learn the essentials, and would be presented to the bishop for ordination. Other priests emerged from the university system, where students were required to be invested as clerics. Still others were monks, ordained not so much for ministry outside the monastic walls, but to offer Mass only for the intentions of the community’s benefactors.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016
It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.
—Colossians 1:28b
Sunday Offerings and Online Giving

Sunday offerings: 7/3/2016

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Please mark checks for “Capital Campaign” In the memo section of your check.

Thank you for your continued support!

Calendar of Events

7/26 Women’s Book Group will discuss Sherwood Nation: A Novel by Benjamin Parzybok in the Bailey House at 7:15 pm

Summer Office Hours

Parish Office MTW 9-5, TR 8:30-12:30, F 1-5

Pilgrimage

St Frances Cabrini will be hosting a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadeloupe Shine in Mexico over the feast day, December 8 – 13, 2016. Cost $2,379.00 per person including air from San Jose, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Holy Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Pilgrimage

As of June 30, 2016, 499 donors have generously pledged $2,443,172. Of this amount, $1,211,877 has been received by the Parish in the form of cash, stock and corporate matching funds.

Thank you for your support of our Renewing our Faith campaign. We are so grateful for your commitment to St. Martin of Tours Parish community.

Your generosity has provided the Parish with the necessary resources to:

- Install new flooring in the Church and restore the Gym floor
- Paint the interior of the Church and Gym
- Upgrade the School electrical infrastructure to support technology enhancements
- Make necessary improvements to the Rectory

The next phase of improvements has begun and will be completed by summer end. The Gym will be air conditioned, the kitchen will be modernized to better support Parish and School functions and the restrooms will be made ADA compliant.

With your continued support, the good work of restoring the Parish facilities will continue.

Martha’s Kitchen, a San Jose soup kitchen which has been feeding the hungry for 35 years, is in need of volunteers from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday to help serve during the summer months. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, wear close toed shoes and modest attire. Please email Kevin Patterson at kevmo450f@gmail.com or call (408) 293-6111.
You are invited…
Caregivers’ Mass and Brunch
Saturday, July 23, 2016
9:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Brunch
Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery
All Saints Chapel
22555 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos
Celebrant: Fr. Robert McKay
If you are a caregiver for a loved one in a home, nearby or afar, you are invited to come pray with others and enjoy a complimentary brunch.
Please RSVP by July 15 to 650-428-3730 or cemeteryinfo@dsj.org

The next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat offered by RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics is on:

August 26-28
Mt. Hermon Retreat Center
37 Conference Drive
Mt. Hermon, CA 95041

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat offers support to anyone whose lives have been impacted by abortion. It is an opportunity to examine the experience, identify ways it has affected your life, and start the healing process. Find comfort in the reassurance of God’s love, mercy, and acceptance.
Retreats are offered at no cost to attendees and are confidential. To register go to www.realoptions.net/hope or call 408-837-0990.

Did you or another Parishioner just have surgery? A new baby? Lost a loved one? We are here to help! Please contact Lara Stanton at lara.stanton@gmail.com or Nancy Pierce at npierce33@yahoo.com. Not so good at email? Call the Parish office, 408-294-8953. A team of volunteers will be on hand to deliver home-cooked hot meals to your doorstep until you get back on your feet.

St. Vincent De Paul Society
Donate your car to help those in need. Cars with dents can help pay rents 1-800-322-8284. Please tell the operator you are from St. Martin of Tours.

Engaged couples can register for any date at www.marriageforlifefsf.com August 6th, October 15th

RCIA at St. Martin of Tours is an ongoing process, which means we are always here to welcome you and offer a place for you to take a deeper look at your relationship with God.

Where is it going? Where do you want it to go?
We continue to meet each Thursday evening at 7PM.
All are Welcome!

Scripture Readings for NEXT Week
Sunday, July 24, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

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