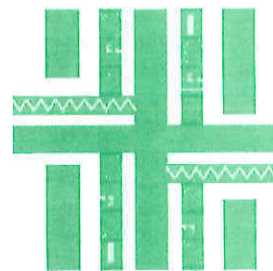


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Mary Ellen Morgan

Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

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Unity,
human relations

Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

*“Misericordia: Making
Mercy Visible”*

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7



August 20, 2017

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone--not just the Chosen People--to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

"They were quick to stray from the way their fathers had taken" (Judges 2:12). Parents have always struggled with the issue of "passing on the faith" to their children. In this age of multimedia competition for the minds, hearts, and souls of our children, where do we start.? Although receiving a formal religious education is important, perhaps the best starting point for nurturing their faith is to nurture our own. Religion is "more caught than taught", and what we do speaks much louder than what we say. When our children and grandchildren see us praying or hear us talking about our faith, we touch a part of their minds and souls that education and preaching never can. When they see us react with kindness and love in a situation where anger and hatred could easily seize the day, we teach them the power of God in our lives. *Jesus, nurture my faith so that my children and others will see you in me.* Steven Givens

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Pius X
- Tuesday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Rose of Lima
- Thursday:** St. Bartholomew
- Friday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary



- August 26, 2017 - Hope for Haiti White Party
- September 2, 2017 - Parish Treasure Hunt
- September 10, 2017 - World Peace Day (Health Cabinet)
- September 18, 2017 - Ministry Calendaring Meeting
- September 24, 2017 - All Family Faith Day
- October 1, 2017 - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner
- October 7, 2017 - Proclaimer's Workshop

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.** Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Day _____ Eve _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time _____
- I would like to serve as _____