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Missions
Our Lady of the Valley - Fall River Mills
St. Stephen - Bieber

P A R I S H B U L L E T I N

May 14, 2006

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MISSION STATEMENT



We, the People of Faith of St. Francis Parish and its Mission Churches are United around the Eucharist, Guided by the Holy Spirit, Working Together to Nurture and Expand the Kingdom of God by Proclaiming the WORD through Discipleship, Fellowship, Education, Healing and the Joyful Celebration of the Sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:

M/Tu/W/F 9:00a.m. Burney

Sundays:

Saturday 5:00p.m. Fall River

Sunday 9:00a.m. Burney

11:00a.m. Fall River (Spanish)

1:00p.m. Bieber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 05/13 5:00p.m. Special Intentions

Sun 05/14 9:00a.m. Thomas +
Elizabeth Kearns

11:00a.m. Rosario Aguilar +

1:00p.m. Jose A. Jorge

Sun 05/14 1:00p.m. The Steven Limrite Family

Mon 05/15 9:00a.m. All Souls +

Tue 05/16 9:00a.m. Special Intentions

Wed 05/17 9:00a.m. Special Intentions

Fri 05/19 9:00a.m. Special Intentions

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS PARISH

Sun 05/14 -**Hospitality after the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Francis.**

-**Hospitality at St. Stephen** after the 1 p.m. Mass.

Mon 05/15 -**Evangelization Team Meeting**, Our Lady of the Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Tue 05/16 -**"How To Be A Catholic Man In The World Today" Meeting**, Burney, 9:00 a.m.

Wed 05/17 -**Faith Formation for Children**, St. Francis, 3:00 p.m.

-**Family Faith Formation**, Our Lady of the Valley, 6:30

MINISTERS AT ST. FRANCIS

Lectors: Mary Unterreiner, Peggi Hubbard

Altar Servers: Johnmichael, Leah

Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31

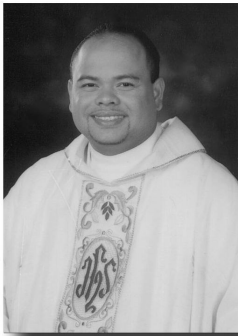
· Barnabas explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24

· His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

· He who lives in me, and I in him bears much fruit.



Dependence and Freedom

Jesus' parable of the vine and the branches ties in beautifully with Mother's Day. The relationship of a mother and her pre-born child is one of total dependence. Even after birth, a human child depends upon his mother for nourishment, care and

education.

Today Jesus tells us that something similar applies to our relationship with him: we are the branches; he is the vine. As long as we are joined with him, we will develop and produce something of great value. If a Christian separates himself from Jesus, he will simply wither and die.

This is a difficult parable for us because of our modern idea of freedom. As Pope John Paul pointed out, modern man considers freedom to mean independence - the ability to do whatever I want, whenever I want - with no external constraints. There is, of course, some truth in this view of freedom: none of us should impose unnecessary restraints on others. Nevertheless, this view of freedom does not get to the heart of the human person. For us as Christians, freedom means becoming the person I was meant to be.

A man can say, "I earned my money and I am going to spend it any way I wish. If I want to go out gambling, I am free to do that. If I want to take drugs or watch pornography, I will do that." That man is not free; he is a slave.

Recently I had a conversation with young couple. The husband had achieved three months of sobriety. The first step for the husband was to recognize he was powerless before alcohol and that he needed the help of a higher power. His wife, of course, was delighted, but it was not completely easy for her. Before her husband achieved sobriety, he was like one more child. Now she had to step back and let him take more responsibility for the family. Al-Anon helped her greatly. She discovered her own true freedom in relation to a husband who was becoming more responsible.

C.S. Lewis said: "We are not made for equality. We are made for obedience and worship." A branch is not equal to the vine even though they share a similar nature. A child before - and after - birth is not equal to his mother, even though they share the same human nature. It is true that as we mature, we achieve a certain degree of independence. Still, no one ever becomes totally independent. The illusion of independence is easily broken by an illness or some misfortune. The truth is that as we realize our true selves, we recognize a deeper dependence - on our fellow human beings and upon Christ.

He is the vine; we are the branches. If we remain united to him, we will bear much fruit.

Theme: I am the vine. You are the branches.

Question for Adults: What does the image of the Vine and Branches say to you about your spiritual life?

¿Qué le dice la imagen de la vid y las ramas sobre su vida espiritual?

Question for Children: When we live in Jesus, we do good things. Name a good deed you will do for someone this week. *Cuando vivimos en Jesús, hacemos cosas buenas. Nombra algo bueno que harás por alguien esta semana.*

Dependencia y Libertad

La parábola de la vid y los sarmientos conecta bien con el Día de la Madre. La relación de una madre y su hijo no-nacido es de dependencia total. Aun después del nacimiento, un niño humano depende de su mamá para alimentación, cuidado y educación.

Jesús nos dice que algo semejante aplica a nuestra relación con él: somos los sarmientos; él es la vida. Mientras estamos unidos a él, vamos a desarrollar y producir algo de gran valor. Si un cristiano se separa de Jesús se secará y morirá.

Es una parábola difícil para nosotros a causa de nuestra idea moderna de la libertad. Como el Papa Juan Pablo señalaba, el hombre moderno considera que la libertad significa independencia - la habilidad de hacer lo que le da las ganas - sin ninguna restricción exterior. Desde luego, hay algo de verdad en esta idea de la libertad: ninguno de nosotros debe imponer restricciones innecesarias sobre otros. Sin embargo, esta idea de libertad no llega al corazón de la persona humana. Para nosotros como cristianos, libertad significa llegar a ser la persona que fui destinada de ser.

Un hombre puede decir, "He ganado mi dinero y lo voy a gastar en la forma que deseo. Si quiero ir a los casinos, estoy libre para hacerlo. Si quisiera tomar drogas o mirar pornografía, lo haré." Ese hombre no está libre; es un esclavo.

Recién tuve una conversación con una pareja joven. El esposo había logrado tres meses de sobriedad. El primer paso para él



fue reconocer que estaba sin poder ante el alcohol y que necesitaba la ayuda de un poder superior. Su señora por supuesto estaba feliz, pero no era completamente fácil para ella. Antes de lograr sobriedad su esposo era como un niño más. Ahora ella tenía que tomar un paso atrás y dejar que él asumiera mayor responsabilidad para la familia. Al-Anon le ayudó mucho. Ella descubrió su propia libertad verdadera con relación a un esposo que venía a ser más responsable.

C.S. Lewis dijo: "No estamos hechos por igualdad. Estamos hechos para la obediencia y la adoración." Un sarmiento no es igual a la vida a pesar de ser parte del mismo organismo. Un niño antes - y después - del nacimiento no es igual a su madre, a pesar de compartir la misma naturaleza humana. Es verdad que mientras maduremos, logramos un cierto grado de independencia. No obstante, jamás estamos totalmente independientes. La ilusión de independencia desaparece rápido si sufrimos una enfermedad o desgracia. La verdad es que mientras nos realizamos nuestro ser verdadera, reconocemos una dependencia mas profunda - de otros seres

humanos y de Cristo.

Él es la vid; nosotros los sarmientos. Si nos quedamos unidos a él, produciremos fruto abundante.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our children will receive First Holy Communion at all our Masses on the weekend of May 28/29.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucille von Tersch - recovery from surgery.

Eduardo Lupercio - for recovery of his health.

Jim Vervillos - for his recovery from surgery.

Dianne Lahey - for recovery of her health.

Please call the parish or email the editor with announcements and prayer requests for the Bulletin.

THANK YOU FROM LUCILLE

Thanks to all my friends who visited me in the hospital, for the Masses and prayers offered, for flowers and candy and for the food brought after I returned home. A special thanks to Father Vincent for his visits and phone calls and for the balloons and warm welcome last Sunday.

Thank you all for your expressions of concern; they were truly appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next weekend the second collection will be for the **Church in Latin America**. Proceeds from this collection go directly to support the work of pastoral projects in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Support last year went for 470 projects in 217 dioceses within 21 countries, and included catechetical and lay programs, youth ministry, evangelization,

and programs for religious, priests and deacons.

COLECTA ESPECIAL PARA LA IGLESIA EN AMERICA LATINA

El próximo fin de semana, la segunda colecta será para la Iglesia en América Latina. Las recaudaciones de esta colecta están enteramente destinadas al apoyo de proyectos pastorales en México, América Central, América de Sur y el Caribe. Las recaudaciones del año pasado ayudaron a la financiación de 470 proyectos en 217 diócesis dentro de 21 países, incluyendo programas para laicos y catequesis, pastoral juvenil, evangelización y programas de formación para religiosos, sacerdotes y diáconos.

WAYSIDE GARDEN CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON

The 21st Annual Spring Luncheon will be held this Wednesday, May 17th, for ambulatory shut-ins in the area, at Veterans Hall in Fall River Mills, at Noon. There is no charge for attending. Please let us know by May 10th, the number attending from your group by contacting one of the following: Thelma Anderson (336-6309); Iona Strickland (336-5189); Tee Bukowiecki (335-2032).

The luncheon has become an event that our members and guests anticipate with pleasure each year. Please help us make it a great success.

**EVANGELIZATION TEAM MEETING
OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
THIS MONDAY, 6:30 p.m.**

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT
June 23-25, 2005**

Struggling after abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience

the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, June 23-25 in Auburn sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. The cost is \$150 and includes meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call

Eddie @ (916)733-0161 or

1-888-HOPE-790 or

email esickman@diocesessacramento.org

Inquiries and participation strictly confidential.

FR. VINCENT AWAY NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. Mark R. Richards will be filling-in for Fr. Vincent at all the Masses next weekend while he fulfills a pastoral commitment in San Diego.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- IV. THE CHURCH IS - APOSTOLIC

- 857 The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the apostles, in three ways:

- she was and remains built on "the foundation of the Apostles," The witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself;

- with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching, The "good deposit," the salutary words she has heard from the apostles;

- she continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, "assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor":

You are the eternal Shepherd

who never leaves his flock untended. Through the apostles you watch over us and protect us always.

You made them shepherds of the flock to share in the work of your Son....

The Apostles' mission

858 Jesus is the Father's Emissary. From the beginning of his ministry, he "called to him those whom he desired; ... and he appointed twelve, whom also he named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach." From then on, they would also be his "emissaries" (Greek apostoloi). In them, Christ continues his own mission: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." The apostles' ministry is the continuation of his mission; Jesus said to the Twelve: "he who receives you receives me."

859 Jesus unites them to the mission he received from the Father. As "the Son can do nothing of his own accord," but receives everything from the Father who sent him, so those whom Jesus sends can do nothing apart from him, from whom they received both the mandate for their mission and the power to carry it out. Christ's apostles knew that they were called by God as "ministers of a new covenant," "servants of God," "ambassadors for Christ," "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

860 In the office of the apostles there is one aspect that cannot be transmitted: to be the chosen witnesses of the Lord's Resurrection and so the foundation stones of the Church. But their office also has a permanent aspect. Christ promised to remain with them always. The divine mission entrusted by Jesus to them "will continue to the end of time, since the Gospel they handed on is the lasting source of all life for the Church. Therefore, . . . the apostles took care to appoint successors."

The bishops - successors of the apostles

861 "In order that the mission entrusted to them might be continued after their death, [the apostles] consigned, by will and testament, as it were, to their immediate collaborators the duty of completing and consolidating the work they had begun, urging them to tend to the whole flock, in which the Holy Spirit had appointed them to shepherd the Church of God. They accordingly designated such men and then made the ruling that likewise on their death other proven men should take over their ministry."

862 "Just as the office which the Lord confided to Peter alone, as first of the apostles, destined to be transmitted to his successors, is a permanent one, so also endures the office, which the apostles received, of shepherding the Church, a charge destined to be exercised without interruption by the sacred order of bishops." Hence the Church teaches that "the bishops have by divine institution taken the place of the apostles as pastors of the Church, in such wise that whoever listens to them is listening to Christ and whoever despises them despises Christ and him who sent Christ."

The apostolate

863 The whole Church is apostolic, in that she remains, through the successors of St. Peter and the other apostles, in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is "sent out" into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways. "The Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well." Indeed, we call an apostolate "every activity of the Mystical Body" that aims "to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth."

864 "Christ, sent by the Father, is the

source of the Church's whole apostolate"; thus the fruitfulness of apostolate for ordained ministers as well as for lay people clearly depends on their vital union with Christ. In keeping with their vocations, the demands of the times and the various gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostolate assumes the most varied forms. But charity, drawn from the Eucharist above all, is always "as it were, the soul of the whole apostolate."

865 The Church is ultimately one, holy, catholic, and apostolic in her deepest and ultimate identity, because it is in her that "the Kingdom of heaven," the "Reign of God," already exists and will be fulfilled at the end of time. The kingdom has come in the person of Christ and grows mysteriously in the hearts of those incorporated into him, until its full eschatological manifestation. Then all those he has redeemed and made "holy and blameless before him in love," will be gathered together as the one People of God, the "Bride of the Lamb," "the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God." For "the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM THE DIOCESE**

RESPECT LIFE COORDINATOR- The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for a part-time (14 hours per week) coordinator of the Respect Life Program. The coordinator shall implement the pastoral plan for pro-life activities that focus on the sanctity of all human life, encourage and support natural family planning, provide opportunities for chastity education and support local programs that care for the dying. Successful candidate will be an active Catholic in good standing, have knowledge

in contemporary church documents, theology and scripture, an AA degree or equivalent with excellent verbal and written communication skills and experience in training and public speaking. To apply email your resume to John Rieschick at jrieschi@diocesesacramento.org or mail it to John Rieschick, Diocese of Sacramento, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Christology - The Diocese of Sacramento Lay Formation Institute presents "Christology" on Saturday, May 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Mercy, 2600 Shasta View Dr., Redding, presented by Rev. Michael Hebda. The fee is \$20. For more information contact John Rieschick (916)733-0133 or email him at: jrieschi@diocese-sacramento.org

MINISTRY

Confession: 30 minutes before Mass or call the office for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the office for an appointment to discuss preparations for this Sacrament.

Marriage: Please call the office for an appointment to discuss preparations for this Sacrament. A minimum period of six months is required for the ceremony to be scheduled.

Annulment: The pastor welcomes your questions and will assist you with applying for an annulment of your former marriage.

Home & Hospital Visitation: Please call the office to arrange for the Sacrament of Penance, Anointing, and for Holy Communion to be brought by an extraordinary minister.

ADMINISTRATION

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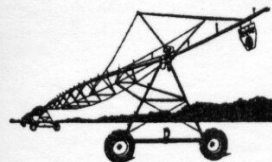
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