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As Fr. Richard Rohr writes in his new book, "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi", Franciscanism is "a positive choosing of the deep, shining, and enduring divine images that are hidden beneath the too-easy formulas. It is "no fast-food religion, but slow and healthy nutrition". Like all religious geniuses, without letting the old get in the way of the new, both Jesus and Francis made known to the world what the old was saying all along.

Like Francis, may you and I seek not to replace or dismiss the Christian tradition but simply focus on other things, those that have been neglected and forgotten. May the celebration of the feast of St. Francis make us reveal and remind others of their inherent belovedness and union with God.

Prayers, Wishes and Blessings!

Rev. William Rosario

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

What can I do this week to support the Human dignity of others in their work?

For Children:

What can you do in your week to help the Love of God grow in the world?

Church Environment

I would like to call your attention and ask for RSVP for the following dates on the Art and Environment calendar:

1. Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. Altarcito and Mexican Supper time! Come meet and greet fellow parishioners while we assemble the Altarcito.
2. Saturday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.: Change the church environment to Advent, including dismantling of the Altarcito carefully.

Please R.S.V.P. if you CAN come, and let me know if you have any food sensitivities if you are coming, because we like to have food so that everybody has something that they like.

Respond to Maureen Wikander at [\(510\)847-3585](tel:5108473585), (text or voice), or moweenie@gmail.com.

RCIA Catechists Needed

Catechists are needed for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), the ministry that prepares adult members of our parish community to receive their sacraments (e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). A passion for living your faith and a desire to learn more about Catholic tradition are the only requirements for catechists; no prior experience is needed. The time commitment is one meeting per week from mid-November until Easter, with additional evening retreats.

Please contact Jen Owens at [510.653.8631, ext. 103](tel:510.653.8631), or via email [<jen.owens9@gmail.com>](mailto:jen.owens9@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the joyful beggar, the one who so cheerfully chose poverty over riches, simplicity over intricacy. He firmly believed that it's no use walking around preaching unless your walking itself became the preaching. He was someone who knew in his bones that your life is a sermon and that you needed to mind what you preached. And today, centuries after his passing away, he continues to preach the Gospel of mercy and compassion to everyone, even non-believers. He had, in his person, become the message that he wanted to pass on to the world.

Francis, the poor, was of the same mind and heart as his namesake St. Francis of Sales, the bishop of Geneva, who said that one could attract more bees with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. Hence, it's no surprise that St. Francis of Assisi became "humble and gentle of heart" like his Lord, the Christ.

St. Francis knew that words break no bones but that they do break hearts and so he was never critical of people and institutions. Yet his life of poverty and authenticity served as a conscience for the society and the Church inviting them to a radical change. This is the Franciscan way: not to criticize others, not even the church leaders, but to live in a simple, shared, and non-violent way that shouted "good news" and "joy to the world".

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Mission Statement

We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.

Kindly keep the following parishioners in your prayers as they have been placed in **Hospice care**: Hortense Atkins and Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Sylvia Lope, Pat Nolan, Marilyn La Placa, Rose Domaguino, Gail Smith, Mildred Burns, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Gloria Bautista, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard, and Hortense Atkins.

And those who have died:

Jeanne Harold Boxley, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Toby Burditt, Juanita Morris and Kristina Velarde.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 4th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 5th, 8 a.m.

Sunday, October 5th, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Cliff & Patty Wiesner

Sunday, October 5th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 28th, 2014: \$4,490 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$173.21

Mandatory Safe Environment Training

To all ministers and volunteers, please go online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org to complete the 3 year training course. Deadline for completion is October 29, 2014.

If you would like assistance or need to use a computer, contact Linda at (510) 653-8631 to make an appointment to use the rectory computer. To off-set the expense to the Diocese, please include an \$8 check when you turn in your certificate.

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Eucharist
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharist
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

Communion Service
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4 p.m.

Please join members of the Prayer Tree

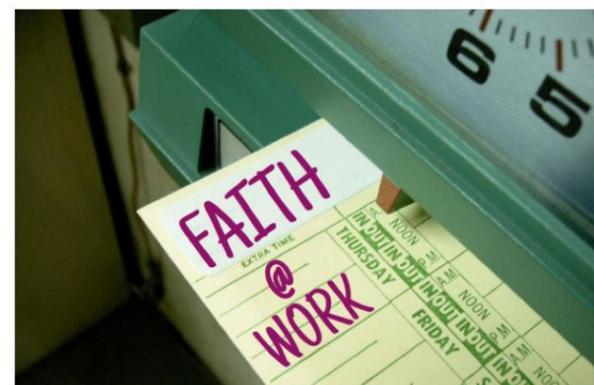
To pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2014: October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, October 5, Blessing of the Animals
October 19, First Day of Faith Formation Classes
Monday, October 20th, Baptism Prep Class, 7 p.m. in the Rectory
Sat & Sunday October 25th & 26th, Baptisms
November 9th, Rite of Welcome
November 27, Thanksgiving Liturgy

Catholic Voice Collection

Our annual Catholic Voice second collection will be held this weekend on October 4th & 5th. Our 2014 assessment is \$8,772. Last year we only received \$820 in donations so please consider contributing \$20 this year so we may reduce this deficit. If you are not receiving The Voice, inform Linda at (510) 653-8631 and she will add you to the list. Thank you for your generosity.



Week 2: Just Work

When we consider the spirituality of work, we need to consider the rights and dignity of all workers. In what ways can we support others in their work, so that everyone can have just working conditions?

In the Gospel parable this week, a landowner's servants and son are murdered by the tenants. This invites us to consider the treatment of workers everywhere. Jesus is present in workers, especially the "least of these." How do we work for God's kingdom and the good of all?

Not paying a just wage,
not providing work,
focusing exclusively on
the balance books, on
financial statements, only
looking at making profit.

**That goes
against God!**

Pope Francis



**Work is for
people;
not people
for work.**

- Saint John Paul II

In *On Human Work*, Saint John Paul II defines the following worker rights: full employment, wages and benefits (enough to support a family), and unionization. He also emphasized rights and dignity of farm workers, disabled workers, and those who have to emigrate to work.

What rights do you believe everyone should have? The right to...

- ▶ work?
- ▶ dignity in work?
- ▶ a living wage? fair pay?
- ▶ to organize/strike?
- ▶ leisure time?
- ▶ sick pay?
- ▶ a safe work environment?

Learn More on the Website

Short Videos

Learn the story of the labor struggle that Dr. Martin Luther King was involved in just prior to his assassination; a Labor Day prayer for workers.



Justice Issues

Learn more about worker justice issues, some of which you may be surprised any Americans have to still deal with. Find out what steps you can take to help.

Visit: <http://gospel.link/faithatwork2>

Workers are called to pursue justice.... Owners, managers, and investors face important opportunities to seek justice and pursue peace. Ethical responsibility is not just avoiding evil, but doing right, especially for the weak and vulnerable. Decisions about the use of capital have moral implications: Are they creating and preserving quality jobs at living wages? Are they building up community through the goods and services they provide?

*Everyday Christianity:
To Hunger and Thirst For Justice*
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