

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Fr. Marion Nguyen, OSB—Priest Administrator
Dorothy L Conklin—Pastoral Assistant for Administration
John H. Fahey—Pastoral Assistant for Music & Liturgy
James Liberty—Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation
Laurie Liberty—Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry
Andy Leech—Chair, Pastoral Council
George Kushner—Chair, Finance Council
John Chambers—Co-Chair Finance Council

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Tue	2	6 pm	Mara & Petar Petris	RIP
Wed	3	9 am	Jose Angel Guzman	RIP
Thu	4	9 am	Bernie Gonzales	RIP
Fri	5	9 am	Betty Bates	INT
Sat	6	10 am	Patricia Campbell	INT

PERPETUAL ADORATION—OPEN HOURS AVAILABLE

SUN	2 am & 11 pm	THUR	12, 2– 3 am & 11pm
MON	12, 1, 2, 3, 4 am & 10, 11 pm	FRI	3, & 5 a.m.
TUE	1, 2, 3, 4 am & 10 pm	SAT	9, & 11 pm
WED	4 am & 11 pm	Contact Sally 293-3222	



HELP WANTED

Contact Gabby to sign up to volunteer: 293-9669 or email: merrymaker@stmaryanacortes.org. Pick up a Volunteer sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Contact Pat 293-8233 to help sell tickets at The Market. Volunteer an hour or more for the following sale dates and times:

Dates: June: 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11. No sales on Sunday June 7. Hours to choose from: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

TRANSITION TEAM F.A.Q.

Here are some commonly asked questions:

What is a transition team?

The transition team is a group of 7 to 12 parishioners from various groups, councils, staff and other organizations that are representative of the different ages, backgrounds and involvement of the parish.

Who decides who is on the team?

Fr. Marion, in conversation with parish leadership, asked these individuals to participate on the team.

Team Members:

Andy Leech, Pastoral Council, co-chair, 360-588-8151
Toni Edmons, co-chair, 360-293-9497
Mary Joy, 360-588-4545
Myrna Emerson, 360-899-4145
Alberta Horn, Finance Council, 360-293-0375
Jim Toland, Sacristan, 360-293-9514
Lielanie Carabba, Pastoral Council, 360-293-7258
Lisa Schwab, Pastoral Council, 914-4361
Cecilia Weldon, Pastoral Council, 360-982-2828
Ben Thomas, Pastoral Council, KoC member, 360-293-2105
Ruth Miller, new PA for Administration, 360-674-4247

What are the responsibilities of the team?

1. Ensure regular communication with the parish during the transition process, including the consultative groups, staff and parish at large.
2. Serve as a resource to the Pastoral Council and parish leaders by monitoring stages of transition and recommending strategies and resources for appropriate responses.
3. Assist the community in their awareness of God's presence during this time of transition.
4. Assist the parish in understanding that transition is a process with many feelings and responses depending on the individuals and the groups. Transition involves openness to change while valuing the cherished memories of the past.
5. Assist the parish in planning the farewell activities and saying goodbye to the outgoing pastor.
6. Assist the parish in planning the welcoming activities and meeting the new pastor.
7. Assist the pastor during the first few months by helping to provide ways and resources for getting the new pastor acquainted with the parish, people, programs and processes.

If you have any questions for the team, please write a note and drop it off at the Parish Office, in the collection basket or give it to one of the transition team members. Our next announcements will answer the most "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding transition. Please include your name and phone/e-mail if you would like a personal response. - Toni Edmons and Andy Leech

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Father Marion's Corner

Wow. Thank you.

Thursday evening we celebrated our first Faith on Fire Endowment Banquet. The goal was to establish and build an endowment for Faith on Fire Catholic Family Conference. The interest raised from this endowment is then used to fund the summertime conference which costs on average \$20,000 each year.

Fr. Marion set our goal at \$25,000 raised for the endowment per year for the next 7 years, ultimately aiming at building the endowment over time to \$200,000. In the beginning of the planning, he mentioned to me that if this is something from God, people will respond. If it is not driven by God, we will come out of the night with \$1 and we will know the answer. We moved forward with this idea that we have to be ready to accept the results, trusting in God's plan the whole way. Many people took the leap of faith and contributed monumentally to the task. None of us knew what to expect, but we trusted in God and His plan for our community.

So the result? Yes...it was a God thing. At the end of the evening (there is still a little tallying to do), it is looking as if the Faith on Fire Endowment Fund is now around \$125,000. Seriously. Please take a moment to let that soak in. The results were quadruple what our lofty goal was. We are awed and humbled by the response of so many. If the result had been close to our goal, we might be thinking, "We did a good job. Well done." Instead, our jaws are on the ground and we are thinking, "God is great. That was not us. It was the response of others to His call."

So, this requires a quadruple amazing Thank You to all who participated in making the evening so filled with blessing. At the top of our list are Mary Joy, Myrna Emerson, Melanie Calles, Katherine Kamrin, Angie Lehr, Brenda Miller, and Medy Oliveros. This incredible group worked 10-14 hour days leading into the evening, preparing the incredible bounty of food...all at a time when they are responsible for preparing the First Holy Communion reception, a special funeral, Fr. Marion and the staff's farewell reception, and the Confirmation reception. They gave generously, abundantly, and with hearts full of God's love. Also, if you have a gift for washing dishes, please call them. They need help.

There were so many who stepped up to make the gym beautiful and welcoming, who set the tables (and reset them), cleaned the area, invited friends and family to the banquet, played the part of MC, brought in AV technical expertise, watched children, played music, prepared nametags and programs, welcomed others, created beautiful centerpieces, picked up supplies and food, used personal connections to bring in special decorations, served and cleared food, prayed and prayed, shared a smile to those working, washed dishes, and donated to the endowment. There were so many who played such beautiful parts – and it required the special gifts and talents of each person. To all who supported the evening in both big and small ways...please know your efforts were fruitful, amazing, and appreciated. Thank you.

Love,

The entire Faith on Fire planning committee

Life begins to wither when we forget...

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Generosity is beautiful, attractive, and gives life. When we meet someone who gives with such abandonment, the kind that Jesus illustrated: *a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing*, we get a glimpse of God; we get a glimpse of the eternal exchange of the God whom Saint John describes "is love". Life begins to wither when we forget God's goodness and generosity.

There was a woman who had a lifetime dream of going on a Caribbean cruise. She meticulously scrimped and saved for a long time until the time of her voyage. She felt that she barely had enough money for the cruise fare and maybe a little left over. She packed one of her suitcases with cheese and crackers to eat each day so she could afford to splurge the last night of the cruise. So, everyday, when all her fellow passengers enjoyed wonderful meals in the dining room, she passed time in her cabin alone eating the cheese and crackers. The cruise was spectacular. Finally, the last evening arrived and she dressed up splendidly for dinner to join the others. She ordered the lobster and a filet mignon along with all the trimmings; she even ordered a whole bottle of Chianti. When the waiter came with her food, he noted, "I haven't seen you in the dining room the entire week." The woman confessed that she couldn't afford to attend all the meal functions so she stayed in her cabin and enjoyed her simple meal. The waiter was stunned and said, "Madame, all meals were included with your cruise fare!"

How often like this widow, we have been ignorant of God's infinite generosity and love; or worse, having known this love, we forget. To live is to remember how good and generous God is. "This is why you must now acknowledge, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God." Dt. 4:39 Remember and live.

Summary of 2015 ACA

		2015
Goal	Archd	78,448.00
Goal Pledges		93,231.50
Goal Balance/ Rebate: 25k	119%	(14,783.50)
Pledge fulfillments to date		46,578.55
% of Pledge Payment Fulfilled		59%
% of Pledge Fulfilled		119%
Num of Families	442	
Num of Fam. Pledged	221	50%
Number of Fam to Pledge	221	
% of Rebate Goal of 25K Achieved	59%	