BE A ROCK

Peter’s history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn’t feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God’s power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter’s great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the Church would be headed for. But, most importantly, He also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the Church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.
Parish Announcements

Our Lady of the Pillar
Third Tuesday of the Month
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Old Hall—7:00pm

Tuesday Nights
Bible Study
5:30pm– 7:00pm @ Conference Room

Miércoles por la Noche
Estudio de la Biblia
7:00pm en el Salón Viejo (Old Hall)

Saturday Morning
Legion of Mary Meeting
Conference Room
9:00am– 11:00am

Second Sunday of the Month
Hospitality after 8:00am Mass (Old Hall)

Clases de Bautizo Para Padres y Padres
El cuarto Viernes del Mes
7:00pm en el Old Hall ( Salon Viejo)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:  Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine
Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday:  World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Cultivate Peace and Promote Racial Justice with the USCCB
Saturday, September 9, Day of Prayer for Peace
Caroline Parrales 415-614-5570
parralesc@sfarch.org  In the wake of the violent protest and deadly attack in Charlottesville, Virginia, this week, USCCB President Cardinal DiNardo and Domestic Justice Chairman Bishop Dewane have called for prayer and unity. In their written statement, Cardinal DiNardo and Bishop Dewane said, “We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy, and neo-nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love’s victory over every form of evil is assured.” On September 9, faith communities across the country will celebrate the annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. Resources for this important day are on the USCCB Racism webpage. Available there are: Prayer Card, Prayers of the Faithful, and 5 Ways You Can Cultivate Peace and Work for Racial Justice.

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR FESTIVAL
Sunday, September 24, 2017
10:30 am Solemn Bilingual Mass
After Mass: Rosary and Procession down Main Street in Half Moon Bay
1:00–7:00 PM Festive Celebration at Our Lady of the Pillar Church with delicious food and drink from all over the world, raffle with amazing prizes, live music and cultural performances, mechanical bull, jumpers, face painting and much, much more! There will be no Masses at 12:00 noon and 6:00pm in Our Lady of the Pillar or in Pescadero or La Honda that Sunday.

FESTIVAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PILAR
Domingo 24 de Septiembre, 2017
10:30 am Solemne Misa Bilingüe
Después de la Misa: Procesión y Rosario por las calles de Half Moon Bay.
1:00– 7:00PM Celebración de Nuestra Señora del Pilar detrás de la Iglesia, con deliciosa comida de diferentes partes del mundo, bebidas, rifa, música en vivo, brin colines, toro mecánico, música cultural y bailes folclóricos, caritas pintadas y mucho mas!!!
No habrá Misas a las 12:00pm y a las 6:00pm en Nuestra Señora del Pilar, ni a las 9:00am en Pescadero o a las 10:30am en La Honda este Domingo.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
On the day of the festival September 24, 2017 the 10:00am, 12:00noon and 6:00pm Masses at Our Lady of the Pillar, the 9:00am Mass at St. Anthony’s and the 10:30 Mass at Our Lady of Refuge are suspended to allow the whole community to gather for the 10:30am Parish Festival Mass of Our Lady of the Pillar.

ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE
El día del Festival 24 de Septiembre del 2017 las Misas de 10:00am, 6:00pm y 12:00pm aquí en Nuestra Señora del Pilar y las Misas de 9:00am en San Antonio, 10:30am en Nuestra Señora del Refugio están suspendidas para permitir a toda la comunidad reunirse para la Misa del Festival a las 10:30am aquí en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señor del Pilar.

HAPPY PEOPLE
The happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

—Anonymous
Your Offerings | Supporting Our Parish

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Second Collection this week: Annual Appeal

- September 3: Building Fund
- September 10: Annual Appeal
- September 17: Priest Retirement Fund

St. Patrick’s Seminary Gala
Dinner and Raffle 2017
Saturday, September 9, 5:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park
Advancement Office
650-289-3320
advancement@stpsu.edu
stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala

The major and only annual fundraiser for St. Patrick’s Seminary and University is Saturday, September 9. This Gala evening at St. Patrick’s includes reception, dinner, raffle, and the honoring of two San Francisco women who have created a new pro-life tradition: Dolores Meehan and Eva Muntean are co-chairs of the Walk for Life West Coast. Founded in 2005, the Walk is now the second largest pro-life event in the country, and the influx of young Catholics it generates each January makes it one of the most inspiring moments of the year in the archdiocese. Again this year, a highlight of the Gala evening is the Grand Raffle Prize of a new Lexus IS 200T ($25,000). A limited number of raffle tickets is available at $50; and you need not be present to win. To buy raffle tickets in advance, phone or e-mail the Advancement Office, above. For more information, and to register for the Gala or to donate, call or go on online.

Pray for Our Parishioners Who are Sick

Sick Relatives & Friends/ Parientes y Amigos Enfermos
Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.

Mass in Memory of Children,
Archbishop Cordileone Concelebrating
Saturday, September 16, 11:00 am
The Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery,
1500 Mission Blvd., Colma 415-614-5570
parralesc@sfar.org

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Program, Project Rachel After-Abortion Ministry, and Holy Cross Cemetery invite the Catholic community and friends to join Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and priests of the archdiocese in a concelebrated Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy in memory of infants and small children who died before, during, or after birth from any cause. The Mass is in Spanish and English. All who attend are invited to a reception and light lunch near the Mausoleum adjoining the Rachel Knoll following Mass. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to this consoling and uplifting spiritual event. For further information, contact the Respect Life Program.

Mystery of Love and Relationships:
Five Sessions at Corpus Christi Monastery
Beginning Saturday, September 9, 9:15 – 11:30 am
Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Ave.,
Menlo Park
Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. Dominican—
Nuns@nunsmenlo.org—nunsmenlo.org

Join the Dominican cloistered nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery and guest Jim Brady in a five-session series based on the groundbreaking “Love and Responsibility” by Karol Wojtyla (St. John Paul II). Some of the issues to be addressed include: What makes a true friendship? How does attraction lead to either selfless love or a relationship in which someone is being used? How do I know if I am in a relationship of authentic love? If everyone is made for spousal love, how is this desire reconciled with vocations to the priesthood, religious life, or dedicated singlehood? …and more. Sessions are on the second Saturdays: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, and January 13, 2018. Mass is available each day at 8:00 am. The cost is $45 (includes books and materials). For more information or to register, visit the website or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., above

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<p>| Monday: | 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32 |
| Thursday: | 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51 |
| Friday: | 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13 |
| Saturday: | 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30 |
| Sunday: | Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 |</p>
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St. Anthony’s
6:00pm August 26 Por las Almas del Purgatorio
9:00am August 27 Maria & Harry McElroy +
6:00pm September 2 Ron Duarte +
9:00am September 3 Inez Furtado +

Our Lady of Refuge
10:30am August 27 Dorothy Wylie +
10:30am September 3 Claudina Barcelos +

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Our Lady of the Pillar Conference
FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Monday/ Lunes 5:00pm–7:00pm
Thursday/ Jueves 5:00pm—7:00pm
Saturday/ Sábado 10:00am– 12:00pm
SÉ UNA ROCA
La historia de Pedro como seguidor o amigo de Jesús es un poco irregular. Resulta natural preguntarnos si Jesús, al darle las llaves del Reino, no se sintió un poco como el padre que le entrega a su adolescente las llaves del auto de la familia. Pero fue en el momento en que el poder y la presencia de Dios irrumpió traspasándolo todo para que brotara de Pedro la gran profesión de fe en Cristo como Mesías que Jesús eligió establecer el vínculo entre la misericordia amorosa de Dios y nuestra vocación como testigos de ese amor y ese perdón en la tierra.

Como cualquier padre, Jesús sin duda previó las fallas, las maniobras irresponsables y los sentidos dañados, las colisiones hacia donde se dirigiría la Iglesia. Pero, lo que es más importante, también nos vio en el momento en que Dios prefiere vernos: capaces de manifestar gran fe, con el deseo de permanecer a los pies de Cristo para comprender lo que realmente es ser Mesías y ser Cristo. Como nos lo señala hoy la carta a los romanos, no hemos conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o llegado a ser su consejero, mas Dios nos conoce y aún elige para que manifestemos el reino de justicia, gozo, hermosura y paz. Que esta sea nuestra vocación. Que siempre busquemos ser tierra firme donde se pueda fundar la Iglesia de Jesucristo y sobre la cual sigue edificándose.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Martes: 1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mc 6:17-29
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Viernes: 1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
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