

MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

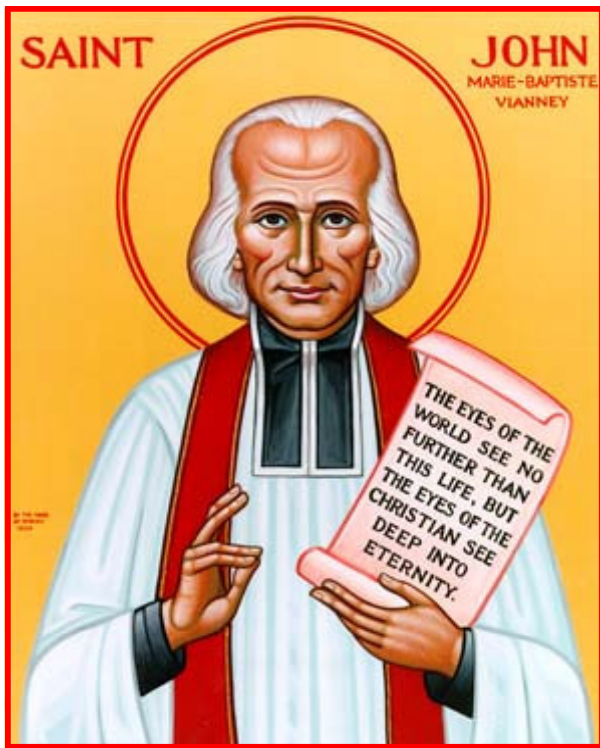
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◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

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Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education
Mr. Francis Cianciolo, Sacristan
Mrs. Angelita Pasamba, Choir Director

◆ MASS SCHEDULE ◆

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon
First Sunday: Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Daily: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:30 p.m.
First Fridays: All day Adoration:
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Holy Hour and
Benediction: 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

◆ BAPTISM ◆

Parents are expected to be registered and practicing Catholics witnessing to their faith by regular attendance at Mass. Parents should contact the rectory at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism, in order to allow sufficient time for the sacramental preparation.

◆ FIRST EUCHARIST/RECONCILIATION ◆

Children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation Class *one year prior* to the year of preparation for the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Second Grade.

◆ CONFIRMATION ◆

Children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation Class *one year prior* to the year of preparation for the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Eighth Grade.

◆ CHILD FAITH FORMATION ◆

C.F.F.—Echoing God’s Word. Programs nurturing children’s growth and forming their baptismal faith from Grade 1 to Grade 9. Classes are on Tuesday afternoons and evenings beginning in September.

WELCOME: We hope you get to know us and we get to know you. Please fill out the bottom portion and place it in the collection basket, or mail it to: 307 Willow Ave., SSF, CA 94080-1446. To complete the registration, we will mail you a registration form to fill out and return. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone _____

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THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Be touched by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME
Taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Psalm 34

| COLLECTION TOTALS | |
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| August 2, 2009 | |
| First Collection Total | \$ 5,137.90 |
| Religious Education | \$ 1,471.00 |
| Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund. Our Second Collection next Sunday is for Helping Hands. | |
| <i>Thank you for supporting your parish and your Catholic Church!</i> | |

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:

Cliff Chase, Jillian Costello, Olga Montoya, and Marlo Taguas.

Our prayers are with them, and those who care for them.



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| DAY | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week: August 9—August 15 | PRIEST |
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| SUN | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | People of the Parish Babette Donohue (D) Christopher Myhra (D) | BC MP BC |
| MON | 8:00 a.m. | Father Ed Cleary (D) | BC |
| TUES | 8:00 a.m. | Fran Lidwell (L) | MP |
| WED | 8:00 a.m. | Jim Toomey (D) | BC |
| THUR | 8:00 a.m. | Father Floyd Lotito (D) | BC |
| FRI | 8:00 a.m. | Jim Costello (D) | BC |
| SAT | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Angelita Chan (D) Dr. O.C. Gruner (D) | BC BC |

Today we resume the "Bread of Life" discourse from John's Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews' ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life, a marvelous promise, but this "reward" is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

Dear Friends,

Last Tuesday, August 4th, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death. Because of this, Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year to be the Year of the Priest. In honor of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, I want to highlight the story of this saint who not only inspires me, but hopefully all of us as well. He truly is a saint we can all learn from.

St. John Vianney was born to a peasant family in Dardilly, France, on May 8, 1786. There was nothing in his past that would suggest that he would be extraordinary. In fact, he was a miserable student. Growing up during the chaos of the French Revolution, he was not able to attend school regularly. That affected his studies for the priesthood because he had difficulties with Latin and was later dismissed from the seminary. However, his own parish priest who was touched by his zeal, goodness and piety, tutored him. When he was eventually recommended for ordination, one of his sponsors noted that what the Church wants is not only learned priests, but holy ones as well.

John Vianney was ordained at the age of 29. He served briefly in his own parish and was later sent to a tiny village in the farthest corner of the Diocese named Ars. It was a village of only 250 people. But the size didn't matter to Vianney because he saw himself as responsible for the souls of these people. What he lacked in learning, he made up with great zeal. It was said that he ate nothing but potatoes. He never seemed to sleep. When he was not out visiting parishioners or celebrating the sacraments, he could be found in church, in silent adoration, before the Eucharist.

His sermons were simple and unsophisticated. His theology was rudimentary. His efforts to raise the spiritual level of the community seemed naïve, even during that time. For example, he would teach against public dancing, working on Sundays, and called the tavern the devil's workshop where the harmony of families are broken up, quarrels start, and murders take place. Gradually, however, it dawned upon his parishioners that their souls mattered to this holy priest who fasted and prayed for them.

For all his simplicity, he was regarded as a genius in the confessional. It was said that he had the ability to read souls. He was able to discern and unlock what prevented his parishioners from knowing and loving God. And he would always give a light penance, because he said, he would bear the rest of the penance himself. It was this goodness and insight, that drew hundreds of pilgrims each day to that tiny village in France.

John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. He was 73 years old. He was beautified in Rome on January 8, 1905, by Pope Pius X and canonized a saint in 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

Please pray for Father Padazinski, Father Joe Richard, and myself, that we too may excel as priests and come to possess the heart of the Good Shepherd for the care of souls entrusted to us.

St. John Vianney, pray for us. Mater Dolorosa, watch over us.

Have a great week!
Father Brian



**BUKAS-LOOB SA DIYOS
(OPEN in SPIRIT to GOD)
Catholic Charismatic Covenant
Community of San Francisco
and the Bay Area**

The BLD Community would like to invite the youth and singles of the parish of Mater Dolorosa Church for evenings of Praise and Worship every 2nd and 4th Friday each month, beginning at 8:00 p.m. and ending around 10:30 p.m. We meet in the 7th grade classroom in the school. BLD is a community of renewed families and we conduct annual encounter/retreats for married couples, solo parents, youth and singles.

BLD is recognized locally by the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Diocese of Oakland. For inquiries, please contact Roberto Nazario at (650) 588-5209 or email boying-naz@astound.net. You may visit our website at bldbayarea.com. Thank you so much, and we look forward to meeting you. God bless you.

***Please join us for praise and worship.
You are welcome!***

St. John Vianney's Prayer to Jesus

*I love You, O my God,
and my only desire is to love You
until the last breath of my life.*

*I love You, O my infinitely lovable God,
and I would rather die loving You,
than live without loving You.*

*I love You, Lord
and the only grace I ask is to love
You eternally. . .*

*My God, if my tongue cannot say
in every moment that I love You,
I want my heart to repeat it to You
as often as I draw breath.*