No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.

~ Luke 9:62
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of June 26, 2016

Sun 26
7:30 AM  Mass for the People
9:30 AM  Lotti Gates†
11:30 AM  Special Intentions of Amelia Lippi

Mon 27
7:30 AM  Paul Francis Doherty†
9:00 AM  Rita Pedemonte†

Tue 28
7:30 AM  Durkin & Costello Families†
9:00 AM  Thomas Nguyen †
& Theresa Ton Nguyen †

Wed 29
7:30 AM  Special Intentions of the Alcaraz Family
9:00 AM  James and Mary Hagan†

Thu 30
7:30 AM  Mt. Mercedes Carbonel†
9:00 AM  Scott Anthony McGreevy†

Fri 01
7:30 AM  Felicisimo & Almodina Lopez†
9:00 AM  Antonio Campos †

Sat 02
7:30 AM  Heli Rozario
9:00 AM  Genaro Relampagos †
5:00 PM  Special Intentions of Isabel Dominguez

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  JUNE 26, 2016
If you wish to follow me...deny yourself and take up your cross... Luke 9:23

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — The Lord tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).
Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).
Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).


READEINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:  Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:  Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:  Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
          Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
          2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:  Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday:  Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,
        131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:  Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:  Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
        2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-20 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:  Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  St. Cyril of Alexandria
Tuesday:  St. Irenaeus
Wednesday:  Ss. Peter and Paul
Thursday:  The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Friday:  Blessed Junipero Serra; Canada Day;
        First Friday

Jubilee Year of Mercy
June 26, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Yet again in Ordinary Time, Jesus seems to demand extraordinary commitment. A would-be disciple enthusiastically volunteers to follow Jesus "wherever" (Luke 9:57). Jesus replies that "wherever" means "nowhere to rest his head" (9:58). To other candidates, Jesus brusquely denies reasonable requests to fulfill family obligations (9:59, 61), declaring that discipleship demands total commitment—now! But Jesus also demands that we not judge how others respond. When James and John volunteered to "call down fire from heaven" (9:54) to destroy an unwelcoming town, Jesus "turned and rebuked them" (9:55). All violence of any kind is completely unacceptable among Jesus' disciples, a lesson this Jubilee Year of Mercy is teaching the Christian community once again. Paul's challenge to the Galatians and us reinforces Jesus' decisive command to James and John that they express their commitment to him through compassion for others. We must abandon the violence of "biting and devouring one another" (Galatians 5:15), choosing instead to "serve one another through love" (5:13).

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FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Goodbye to the month of June! Hello to the month of July, which is the start of the Pastoral Year where the new assignment of priests also takes place. Two new pastors are moving in to our neighborhood, specifically to our deanery: Fr. Roger Gustafson at St. Brendan’s and Fr. Anthony LaTorre at St. Stephen’s.

We also say “Goodbye” to our beloved Sr. Esther Ling, who will be leaving us this Friday, July 1st. As you already know she will be leaving for Hong Kong. For those who serve God, the word retirement is not the end of a job. They continue to serve the Lord in a different capacity. Retirement does not apply to Sr. Esther either. If it does, it is just as a formality.

The 11:30 AM Mass last Sunday was a Thanksgiving Mass in honor of Sr. Esther. The reception that followed was prepared and attended by different groups and ministries of the parish. Thanks to the initiative of Mr. Tri Nguyen, coordinator of our Altar Servers, the party became a parish event.

The Chinese Bible Ministry from the Bay Area, who meet at the Flanagan every Wednesday evening, also tendered a special Thanksgiving reception for Sr. Esther. Another Thanksgiving and Farewell dinner and reception was hosted by our Holy Name Chinese Ministry last Saturday evening.

We sincerely thank Sr. Esther for her fruitful years at Holy Name. She has touched so many lives, our school children, our Chinese Ministry and all our parishioners. She has brought a lot of people to our Catholic faith, both believers and non-believers. She surely will be missed, and she will never be forgotten.

We say goodbye and thank you to some of our teachers at the School and the Preschool who will either be moving to another state or to another calling. We surely appreciate their contributions to our schools.

At our 8th Grade graduation early this month I reminded the graduates as well as their parents and guests with these words: “When you love someone the most difficult thing to say to them is” goodbye… but we forget that “goodbye” is an old English word that means: “God be with Ye”. Always remember that God is with you in your journey. Never forget that! It is the same message I am giving to all those whom we are saying goodbye.

A couple was going out for a rare night on the town. They put on their best clothes, called a cab, and put the cat out. The taxi arrived but as the couple walked out of the front door, the cat shot between their legs, back into the house and up the stairs. Knowing that the cat would wreck the house while they were gone, the husband ran upstairs to chase the cat out again while the wife waited in the taxi. Since she didn’t want the cab driver to know that the house would be left unoccupied, the woman explained to him: “My husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother." A few minutes later, the husband reappeared and climbed into the taxi. "Sorry I took so long," he said. "Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed, and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out!”
The story of the beloved patron of hopeless situations comes to life in this epic film starring Vittoria Belvedere (Pope John Paul II, The Apocalypse) and Martin Crewes. Rita is a young woman who longs to enter the convent, but when she meets Paolo, a handsome knight, she accepts his offer of marriage. Her new family isn’t as welcoming as she would wish, and soon she finds that her husband’s brothers are involved in violence and murder. Determined to reform her husband, Rita succeeds in winning him over. She and Paolo are blessed with two sons and living happily when tragedy strikes...and Rita loses everything. Set against the turbulent background of 15th century Italy, this story of forgiveness, faith, and virtue is an inspiring tribute to this brave, saintly woman.

AT A LOSS
When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost. —German proverb

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PARISH FAITH FORMATION
Welcome to Holy Name Parish Faith Formation
Our Parish Faith Formation programs and activities seek to provide opportunities for children, youth, young adult and adults to deepen and share their faith within the parish community.

Children’s Religious Formation is about a relationship with Jesus Christ. It’s not simply learning “about” God, but a time to introduce God and to experience God’s love through: Prayer, Bible Study and Faith-sharing, liturgy, and community.

Our programs are as varied as the age groups we serve:

For children beginning each year in late August to May: Catechesis is offered for children who are six (6) years old through eighth grade, which includes Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Youth Confirmation. Children’s Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at 9:30 am Mass is offered to all children from Under 5 to fifth grade. Youth Ministry is offered for youth who are in 7th through 12th grade, every Sunday at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. For young adults/adults: We offer the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); Bible Class and Faith-sharing, Listening sessions about certain topics, retreats, parish missions and prayer devotions.

Religious Education and RCIA registration started on June 1, 2016. Please pick up the form at the back of the church or download from our website. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Parish Office or submitted to Sr. Necy during weekend Masses.

For details, please call Sr. Necy at 415-664-8590 or email: nguan@holynamesf.org
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 26, 2016

First Reading  
1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21  
Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
I set the Lord ever before me.

Second Reading  
Galatians 5:1-13-18  
Christ has set us free.

Gospel Reading  
Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

Background on the Gospel Reading  
Today’s Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke’s Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus’ days for being “taken up” were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for “taken up” is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus’ ministry in Jerusalem is at the heart of his mission. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke’s second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerizim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today’s reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one’s family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus’ unconditional commitment to God’s saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

FOLLOW ME

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION  
An old and still vital treasure in our tradition is a document called the “Apostolic Traditions,” giving us a snapshot of church life in third-century Rome. Its author, Hippolytus, describes the liturgical life of the church and records the actual texts of the prayers. The way he explained the various “orders” of the church was the basis for a major reform of the rites of ordination by Pope Pius XII in 1947, and later for the Second Vatican Council. Hippolytus tells us that a bishop had to be elected by the entire people, and that ordination had to take place on a Sunday in the presence of the people, the presbyters, and neighboring bishops. The bishop-candidate is ordained by the other bishops, who impose their hands on his head while everyone else keeps a profound silence, awaiting the pouring of the Spirit. There is a prayer of blessing said by one of them, on behalf of all, asking for the Spirit and describing his ministry.

Later centuries layered new features on top of this liturgy, including the requirement for three bishop consecrators. Today, whenever a new bishop is announced (election by the people is no more), a kind of genealogy is provided, tracing his pedigree through the consecrating bishops down through the centuries to Peter and the first body of believers. Every bishop today can trace his office through his consecrators back to the beginning in a tradition called “apostolic succession.”

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FOCUS ON THE MISSION  
“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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The proceeds will go towards our Capital Improvement Fund. Please drop by or call the Parish office for more information (415)664-8590.

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER? Or just never registered?
You may register online at http://holynamesf.org/parish-registration/
You may also call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave./Lawton St.) during office hours, Monday-Friday from 9 AM - 4 PM.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM

Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday — 9:30 AM — 12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions: Friday after 9:00 AM Mass Perpetual Help Devotions: Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation — Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 2 PM — You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room

Marriages Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.

Religious Education (for Children):
Kindergarten to 9th, Saturday 10 AM — 12 Noon
RCIA (children) Saturdays 6:30-8 PM
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)
Saturday, 7:00-8:30 PM in the Pastoral Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday — Pastoral Center — 1 PM
Religious Education (for Adults):
Please call Sr. Necy at 415 664-8590
Bible Faith Sharing every Tuesday@10-11 AM
(Pastoral Center)

Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday — 7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting — every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
Legion of Mary: Contact Rose Symkowick (415) 731-4652
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Flanagan Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm (except Oct. and Nov. at 7:30 pm) in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every Thursday at 7:00 PM
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967

Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center) Except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August