

**For The Bulletin Of
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**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN SUMMER'S ORDINARY
TIME**

From Father Robert

“Murmur” is an interesting word; in English, grammatically, we call it an “onomatopoeia,” that is, a word that sounds like what it means. It is a low, sustained sound – background noise, a hum, a subdued grumble. It comes from the Latin which is exactly the same word: *murmur*. In Latin, however, to murmur is to make a big noise, to roar. The Latin is probably closer to the crowd’s response in today’s gospel, to Jesus’ declaration that He is “the bread that came down from heaven.” The Jews were murmuring because of their limited perception of Who Jesus is, after all, “Is this not...the son of Joseph?” Their murmur was probably not a subdued grumble, but a crowd-sized noise.

“The Jews murmured” because they could not get beyond their limited perception of Who they thought Jesus was to the mystery about Himself. He reveals: “I am the Bread of Life,” the Bread “come down from heaven,” the Bread to Whom we must come, the Bread Who gives us a share in His “eternal life,” the Bread in Whom we must believe, the Bread Who gives Self “for the life of the world.” Jesus persists in revealing Himself as the Bread sent by God to nourish the crowd (and us) for the journey to eternal Life. Jesus gives His life so that we might have new Life: “the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The surprise of

the gospel is that Jesus Himself, as the “bread...from heaven, “ is both the promise and the fulfillment of the eternal Life for which we long. Jesus declares Himself to be “the living bread and when we share in this Bread we “will live forever.” Such mystery! Who can believe it? Who can afford *not* to believe it?

The ultimate act of God’s persistence in bringing us to new and eternal Life is to send the Son Who gives His life for us. And herein is another new revelation in the text: the bread of heaven isn’t without its cost. For Jesus, the cost is the cross (“ the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world”). The bread of life is the bread of self-sacrifice. Here is the real source of the murmuring (the shouting!): to eat the bread of Life is to eat the bread of suffering. To encounter Jesus by eating the bread of Life is to take upon ourselves Jesus’ life of self-giving. This is why the gospel is so difficult, why the Jews are really murmuring: we, too, must die in order to live forever.

Living The Paschal Mystery

In the mystery of Christ we are reminded that life and death always go together. If we wish to live, we must be willing to die to ourselves. Lest we get too discouraged, we must always remember that the paschal mystery is a rhythm of dying and rising. We are able to embrace dying to self because, through Jesus, we know that in the very dying is new life. Jesus has gone before us and taught us that death brings life. The rhythm of the paschal mystery enables us to identify with Jesus in this great mystery of dying and eternity. Cross leads to resurrection. Dying leads to eternal Life.

God's persistence in bringing us Life is a gift. But the gift invites more than our own openness to receive it. To receive God's gift of Life – Jesus as living bread – is to pledge ourselves also to bring that Life of God to others. We are not “come down from heaven”; we have our feet planted firmly on this good earth, giving our own “flesh for the life of the world” through the good we do every day for others.

The readings of the Bread of Life Discourse in St. John's gospel are challenging. Today's liturgy is the third in the series. How have these scripture passages affected you?

- The depth of the mystery of Who Jesus reveals Himself to be moves me to...
- I “murmur” about the mystery of Who Jesus is when He challenges me to...
- When I come to Jesus, “the bread of life,” what happens is...

About Liturgy: Eucharist, Cross, and Sacrifice

Eucharist and cross go together because, in the Christian mystery, dying and rising go together. There has been a long-standing tradition in the church to use the image of sacrifice in relation to Eucharist. One aspect of sacrifice surely refers to Jesus' physical death on the cross. Another aspect is that Jesus' death embodies His total giving of Himself, holding back nothing. The shedding of his blood is the pouring out of His life for us. Eucharist, as well, is a total and perpetual giving of Himself to us for our strength and nourishment. When we celebrate Eucharist we are really not reenacting Calvary and the Last Supper, as if we are engaging in a religious drama. No, the Eucharistic

celebration enacts in the present moment the continual gift of Jesus' self-giving. The cross and the Last Supper are once-for-all unrepeatable historical events. Jesus' acts of self-giving are an ongoing outpouring of His love for us. But there is more.

Our sharing in Eucharist is the concrete manifestation of our encounter with Christ and our participation in His mystery. Eating and drinking Christ's Body and Blood transforms us more perfectly into being the Body of Christ. This means that we ourselves are better equipped to embrace the dying to self that is an essential prerequisite for rising to eternal Life. We must embrace the cross of self-giving each time we share in the Bread of eternal Life. This is the power of the mystery to transform us into believers committed to self-surrender.

About Liturgical Music: Singing Music For The Communion Procession, Part 3

The third purpose of the music for the Communion Procession is to highlight the communal nature of the Communion Procession (General Instruction to the Roman Missal, No. 86). This purpose is two-pronged. On the one hand, the music is to direct our attention outward toward communal celebration rather than inward toward private prayer. This means that music which speaks of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (music proper to Benediction and to times of Eucharistic adoration) are not appropriate during the Communion Rite at Eucharist. Suitable music has texts which speak of our being brought together as the one Body of Christ, as the community of the church, and/or of

our mission to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Secondly, the music needs to support our procession to and from the Eucharistic table. The procession is itself symbolic of what is taking place: all of us – the able and the lame, the ready and the not-so-ready, the healed and those in need of healing – process together to the messianic table to celebrate the fullness of our redemption in Christ as one Body. Our singing is a way that we engage our hearts with our bodies in this important processional movement. And it is a way that we keep ourselves engaged with the whole Body of Christ even after we have concluding our individual movement to and from the table. More than any other activity at this moment in the Eucharistic liturgy, our singing together is perhaps the one which most effectively draws us out of our separate worlds into our shared identity as the Body of Christ.

The Floral Arrangement at the Altar is placed to the Glory of God and in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Marriage of Pablo and Norma Villegas. Congratulations! And may God continue to bless you with much happiness, the best of health, and the deepening of your love for one another.

Back Pack Sunday

For the past month, we have been inviting you to share with us in “Back Pack Sunday.” Flyers in the weekly bulletin have listed the items necessary for the children of our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg as they begin the new school year. The items are to be placed in an age-appropriate back pack and then brought to one of our liturgies. We ask you to be

sure to indicate the Grade for which you have purchased the back pack and the supplies. Thank you for this generous response to support Catholic Education and especially our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg.

2nd Quarter Financial Report

At each liturgy this weekend, we once again welcome the members of our Finance Council as they give the Second Quarter Report. In addition, an update is being given on our Educational Center, the Capital Campaign/Building Fund, and the status of the project.

Concert Series Presents “Cabaret”

Our Summer/Fall Concert Series continues this coming Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. when the members of our Music Ministry will present “Cabaret,” a concert of Broadway music accompanied by **Don Pearson** and also featuring **Jim Peddicord** on Trombone. Today is the last chance to get your tickets at \$10 per person. The performance will be followed by a Champagne reception in the parish hall. All proceeds benefit the Music Ministry program of our parish. Thank you for your support!

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

Next weekend, August 15th and 16th, we will once again participate in the annual Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal. **Fr. Felix**, a missionary from Nigeria, will be present to present the appeal. A second collection will be taken up to support the missionary efforts of the church. Envelopes may be found either in your envelope packet or on the credenza at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous response.

Thank You

...to our volunteer parishioners who arrive early each Saturday morning to clean and prepare the church for the weekend and the coming week: **Alfred Madoshi, Mency Osborne, Angela Bueno, Rose Salamanca, Carole Miller, and Delmy Williams.**

...to our volunteer parishioners who clean and maintain the bathrooms in the church and parish hall throughout the week: **Mary Ewing, Robert Goncalves, Geri Abaya, Gino Ramos, and Harlan Young.**

...to **Sue Howell and Paul Burgarino** who joined me for last Saturday's Neighborhood Clean-up at Hillcrest Park.

...to the Members of our newly-formed **St. Martha's Guild** for their assistance with the reception in our parish hall following the Memorial Funeral Liturgy for **Carmen Dodds.**

...and to our **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** for sponsoring and serving the Coffee Hour following our Sunday liturgies last week.

CCISCO News

"Invest In Health, Not Jails"

Town Hall: Thursday, August 6th @ 7:30 pm

Place: His Presence Christian Worship Center, 1185 Second Street, Suite A, Brentwood, CA

In the midst of a county-wide health crisis, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will vote on **August 18th, 2015** in Martinez, CA on a multi-million dollar grant proposal to **expand the West Contra Costa Detention Facility**, a project that would cost the County

millions over the course of many years: **\$5 - \$10 million a year to run the jail!**

Where are the County's priorities?

Doctors Medical Center, the only public hospital serving hundreds of thousands of residents in West Contra Costa County, was shut down just months ago and the County did not intervene, citing **budgetary concerns.** The County is also now on a pathway to continue to divest in critical medical services, including Contra Costa Medical Center and the critical clinics. Yet the County is poised to spend millions to expand jail facilities.

Join us for a Town Hall on **Thursday, August 6th from 7:30 – 9 pm** to discuss the details of the jail proposal, the cost, and where that money could be better spent. The County budget needs to reflect the priorities of **Our Community. Our County, Our Health, Our Choice. Invest in Health, Not Jails.**

Knights of Columbus From Our Grand Knight, Bill Barbanica

On Tuesday July 28th The Knights of Columbus of St. Ignatius of Antioch held a combined council and installation meeting of the new officers for the upcoming year. Art Landos the District Deputy of District 42 officiated over the ceremony. Also in attendance was the District Supreme Field Agent, Howard Tank. Wives and family members were also invited to attend the swearing in of the new officers.

The following brothers have been elected and will sit on the council's board for 2015-2016 Columbian Year:

Chaplain, Fr. Robert Rien,
GK, Bill Barbanica,
DGK, Dave Simpson,
Chancellor, Chip Sharpe
Recorder, Steven Rojek
Financial Secretary, Steve Rojek
Treasurer, Jose Palomino
Lecturer, Rich Confetti
Advocate, Don Benson
Warden, Daniel Womack
Inside/Outside Guards, Bobbie Zabroski
and Bob Goncalves
Trustees, Jose Perez, Ron France,
Jack Goncalves

Service Programs/ Chairman and Directors

Program Director, Dave Simpson
Church Director, Tony Burgarino, Co-Director, Peter Degl' Innocenti
Vocations Director, Chip Sharpe, Co-Director, Mark Webster
Community Director, Brian McCoy
Culture of Life Chairman,
Public Relations, Gino Ramos
Family Director, Chip Sharpe
Youth Director, Steve Rojek
Membership Chairman, Rick Howell
Retention Chairman, Bill Stuhleyer

Additionally, at our council and installation meeting last Tuesday, the **Knight of the Year Committee** selected one of our Brothers to receive the "The Knight of the Year Award" for the past year. It gave me great honor and pleasure to be able to present this prestigious award to **Brian McCoy**. Brian serves in a number of outreach ministries and volunteers as the parish's Business Manager in support of Father Robert and the Pastoral Staff.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, we

congratulate our brother for his outstanding service.

“Justice and Joy”—A Recap of St. Ignatius of Antioch Shelter Week, July 27-31, 2015 – From Catherine Vidaurri
St. Ignatius of Antioch volunteers stepped forward during the highest temperatures this summer, transporting to Martinez, serving, and clearing team-prepared wholesome meals to at least 15 appreciative adult shelter guests and their 20 children currently ranging in age from 3 months to 8 years.

Several times a year St. Ignatius of Antioch is invited to do so, along with a rotating list of other local churches, all motivated by the desire to avail parents of the comfort, security, and nutrition a hearty home-cooked meal would provide their families, were they to have a home and table to call their own. The foods are nutritious, artfully served, and lovingly shared, with our volunteers sitting among their guests. It is an invitation eagerly awaited by all.

Wonderfully varied from night to night, Monday's "Carnivore's Delight" menu featured K of C's famous tri-tips, ribs and beans cooked outside on the BBQ at St. Ignatius of Antioch by friends Don Benson, Rich Confetti, Jose Palomino, and Brian McCoy. Guests could then cool off with mixed green salad topped with cucumbers, tomatoes, kidney beans and cheese, followed by quickly disappearing ice-cold watermelon!

Tuesday's team served a colorful burrito bar with many options—diner's choice of seasoned ground beef, Texas-style ranchero beans, lettuce, fried red and yellow peppers and onions, fresh onions, tomatoes, jalapenos, avocado and sour

cream. The combinations were endless! But dessert was a riot of color too, with watermelon, cantaloupe, honey dew melon, and blueberry fruit salad on ice cream! Vicki and Brian McCoy, Theresa Nelms, and Estrella Rusk received many thanks for their wonderful meal.

Wednesday brought out Sue and Rick Howell, with their 8-year old granddaughter, Amelie, on the hottest afternoon yet. Expert planning enabled Rick to marinate boneless chicken breasts in a swirl of Carolina BBQ sauce with fresh pineapple, orange and lemon slices, then to prebake and finally finish his Hawaiian Chicken on the grill there. Sue's rich potato dish balanced those tropical fruit flavors with her own shredded Yukon potato casserole, a bubbly baked dish showing off chopped onions, cream of chicken soup, sharp cheeses, and sour cream. Always cholesterol conscious ☺, Sue also included a spinach salad of cranberries, goat cheese, and candied walnuts. Their Brentwood corn on the cob was picked fresh that morning! Dessert was chocolate chip brownies and crunchy watermelon slices, which likewise flew off the table.

Our Pastoral Council also wanted a turn—and taking cues from everyone else concerning the heat, served a sandwich and salad bar, with a simple dessert of cookies. The team consisted of Will, Catherine, Oscar, Reggie, and Don. Don graciously shopped for a variety of breads and cookies; Reggie made a protein-packed penne salad with ham and cheese chunks, sprinkled through with confetti of bright, crunchy veggies, and her deviled eggs were an instant hit! Will's tri-color rotini salad filled out the color wheel with salmon bits, applewood bacon, apple, fennel, celery and red bell

pepper. Oscar braved Costco and emerged with best-quality sliced meats and cheeses, and a tub of popular party potato salad. Catherine made the Farmers' Market run to Kaiser that morning, and staggering back to her car with two canvas shoulder bags bursting with heirloom Cherokee tomatoes, lettuce, red onion, cantaloupes, cucumbers, grapes, strawberries, green beans, a riot of cherry tomatoes, purple and orange cauliflower for the veggie trays, and Will's stuff. We brought our own lemon-juice base for lemonade, and set out pitchers of iced lemon water. It was a light and healthy dinner, perfect, after all, for the warm evening, and the residents treated the St. Ignatius of Antioch's team as familiar, welcome guests.

Steve Rojek filled out the week's menu with his homemade Chicken enchiladas, stuffed to the gills with additional beans, cheese and olives. Side dishes included refried beans, Spanish rice, and nachos. As you can see, Steve is popular there, and working solo that night, got to keep all that popularity to himself!

Some concerns we all noted are simply that even though Brian and Vicki went over the previous Sunday with a car full of "wish list" items the shelter had requested, these had been quickly used up, and that by mid-week, the once-burgeoning pantry was thinning out. We found no milk, no mayonnaise, fruit juices, etc. and realized that items considered staple and otherwise taken for granted, are at the mercy of donation like anything else. One resident had walked to the corner market, bought a gallon of milk for her two children, and written her name on it. Apparently, she had to do that!

The residents we met appeared to be healthy and in good spirits, and their children quite approachable and friendly. Sue shared that a young mother at her table was able to continue her community college evening nursing program thanks to the shelter's help, and that because her husband can get away to work during the day, he can watch the little ones at night while she is out. The next night, "J" and Catherine recognized each other immediately—she had been one of Catherine's high school students back at Prospects. Things were going well for the family in those days, and her parents had a nice home out by Deer Valley where they had been staying while the children were born, but hard times hit both generations of the family, and the shelter was her only safe option. This is the kind of person whose life can at least stay on track because of Shelter, Inc.

In summary, when Catherine called the shelter offering that St. Ignatius of Antioch would like to take a week in July, the counselor quickly called another church already scheduled, and asked them if they would yield us their week and take another, instead. This is because the hospitality and warmth of our group is well known, and although the residents leave after several months, our parish has left a permanent impression there, above and beyond our good food. The nighttime moderator told me, after looking over our laid-out tables, that the beauty in the details is highly apparent, and that everyone there has noted the loveliness with which our dishes are offered forth, and indeed, we received many thanks from the line of guests before a bite had even been tasted. When they did tuck in, many

sighs, Ooohs, Aaahs, and Mmms were heard.

This is the reputation we have made there—and out of what? What makes Catholic food (well, St. Ignatius of Antioch food, anyway) taste so good? I offer that our dishes are *eucharistic* in nature because of the Communion that we share, and therefore, that our dishes are made of love, whatever the recipe. Love is our secret ingredient, and they glisten with that finishing drizzle of "yes!" We have indeed delighted God, as our hymn this morning sang out, with having made everyone "a place at the table." We have fed them as we would feed Jesus Himself--just as if He stopped in for a bite, had another plate, and dozed off dreaming of buttered Brentwood corn. Sleep well, Jesus!

And yes, everyone won, but the most significant winner was surely Rick and Sue's little Amelie, who is learning the doing of social justice from her grandparents. Amelie is only 8, but will process this and other lessons more fully as the years go by, and will take them into the future of our faith with her.

From The Diocese

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Controller - Chancery Office

The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Oakland is seeking an Assistant Controller to assist in planning, directing, and coordinating the financial accounting and reporting activities of Diocesan Central Services. In addition, this position is an integral component to ensuring the parishes' compliance with various fiscal and operational policies and procedures of the Diocese of Oakland.

This position is full-time, E-7 classification, with full Diocesan benefits. Position is open until filled. If interested please submit letter of intent, resume and application to:

Helen Giuntoli, Controller
2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94612
hgiuntoli@oakdiocese.org

Office Manager - St. Callistus Parish, El Sobrante

St. Callistus Parish office is seeking a part-time Office Manager. The Office Manager assists the Pastor in the leadership, personnel, facility and financial management of the parish by managing the implementation and maintenance of policies and procedures required by the Diocese and by civil law. Responsibilities include but are not limited to bookkeeping; direct and supervise other employees; and attend parish staff, financial council and diocesan meetings. Good organizational and multi-tasking skills required. This position is part-time, 18 hours per week, non-exempt and is classified as S-3 according to the diocesan salary guidelines.

Please send resume to Pastor, St. Callistus Church, 3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803 or by email: st.callistus@sbcglobal.net.

Director of Children's Catechesis – St. Jerome Parish, El Cerrito

St. Jerome Parish in El Cerrito is searching for a coordinator for Children's Catechesis who will be responsible for implementing a religious education program to provide formation education and sacramental preparation for children in 1 grade, including Reconciliation and First Communion. Together with the Pastor, the coordinator will ensure that the curriculum, volunteers, and implementation of all aspects of the program support the teachings of the Church and the parish education goals.

Qualifications: Must be a practicing Catholic with an informed understanding of Vatican II and how it applies to the mission of the parish; BA in Religious Studies or strong minor in this field; current Master Catechist Certification; 3-5 years of experience in parish children's catechesis; an ability to generate enthusiasm and interact with a variety of groups, including parents, young children and middle school teens; flexibility in work hours as well as familiarity with computer applications including Microsoft Office, Excel, Outlook; can use email as a normal means of contact with families as well as the office phone; good management, communication and presentation skills.

This position is classified as an M-2, non-exempt, part-time, 20 hours/week.

More information and a complete job description can be obtained from the Pastor, Fr. Fernando Cortez, saintjeromechurch@comcast.net.

Ministry Coordinator – St. Augustine Parish, Oakland

St. Augustine Parish is seeking a full-time Ministry Coordinator. Candidate must have strong spiritual leadership skills; excellent interpersonal, management, communication, public speaking, presentation and writing skills as well as ability to multi-task. Candidate must be able to organize and implement events and have flexibility in work hours. This position requires weekend work. A more detailed job description can be obtained from the parish.

This position is classified as M-2 or M-3, depending on experience/qualifications, with benefits. Position is open until filled.

Please send your cover letter, application and resume to: Pastor, Saint Augustine Parish, 400 Alcatraz Ave, Oakland 94609 or email to pastorachurch@comcast.net.

**Funeral Assistant -
Holy Angels/St. Joseph Cemetery,
San Pablo**

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is seeking a Catholic individual to assist with the delivery of funeral services to families. This position is part-time and includes some evening and weekend work. Candidate must be professional, detail oriented and well organized. Strong communication skills are also required; bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred. Valid driver license is required.

Please email letter of interest and resume to JoAnnaD@cfcsoakland.org.

**Mission Promoter – Maryknoll
Mission, San Francisco Bay Area**

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers share the Good News of God's love by accompanying and serving marginalized people throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. Maryknoll serves the Roman Catholic Church locally in the U.S. by fostering a "culture of mission" and supporting "communities of missionary disciples" through its mission education programs. Maryknoll is seeking a Mission Promoter to work out of its San Lorenzo Mission House in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This is a full-time exempt position with medical, dental and other benefits. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Target start date: October 1 or sooner.

To apply please send an email with cover letter and resume with the subject heading "San Francisco Position" to Deacon Matt Dulka, resume@maryknoll.us.