



ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES

JUNE 29, 2008

*Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.*

—Psalm 19:5

FATHER ANGEL, THANK YOU

On behalf of this parish Community I want to thank Fr Angel Castro for sharing his “priestly honeymoon” with us throughout this month.

We know that God has called him to serve His people in Columbkille and Nativity parishes. We would like to hold on to him, but like St Peter and St Paul, the “mystery” of the priestly ministry is to be led by the Spirit where the people of God awaits longing to be nurtured in their faith. Fr Angel, we will miss you. Please, never forget that St. Matthew’s parish has been, is, and always will be your home. We’ll be here with open arms to welcome you...along with a delicious meal waiting for you of course.

Farewell, may God bless you and your priestly ministry.

Love,

Your Daddy, and St Matthews parish.

CHRIST OUR HOPE Peter’s Pence Collection TODAY

The Peter’s Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. It is an opportunity for Catholics to stand in solidarity with the universal Church and to offer hope to those in need. Please support the works of the Holy Father today through the Peter’s Pence Collection. Let us together ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us, as well as those in need throughout the world.

...REFLECTIONS...

The readings for next Sunday, *The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, are listed below along with questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus promises us refreshment and rest if we come to Him. Can I take 5 minutes a day just to “be” in the presence of Jesus and let Him refresh me?

Jesus says, “Learn from me.” He teaches the great unconditional love of the Father for us. How can I share this with others, especially someone who might be “weary and burdened?”

Pray for our deceased... Mary Ann Ramsden

REGARDING YOUR CELL PHONES

BILL SB 1613

**PROHIBITS THE USE OF CELL PHONES BY DRIVERS
UNLESS THE DRIVER IS USING A HANDS-FREE DEVICE**

STARTING THIS TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008.

Drivers under the age of 18 may not use a wireless telephone, pager, laptop or any other electronic communication or mobile services device to speak or text while driving in any manner, even “hands-free.” Distracted driving leads to tens of thousands of car accidents annually, with many of these accidents resulting in serious injuries or even death. Distractions while driving include eating, drinking, changing the radio station, reading and using a cell phone. For many of these distractions, there is no practical alternative other than banning the activity. Using a hands-free device while driving does not eliminate the distraction that comes with cell phones. Talking on the phone and dialing and hanging up the phone create a distraction. However, requiring drivers to use hands-free devices better ensures that drivers have two hands free to place on the wheel while driving.

MARK YOU CALENDARS

RELIGION AND POLITICS

- What the Church should not do in the political arena?**
- When does a preacher step over the line, violating the principle of separation of church and state?**
- Under what circumstances could I in good conscience vote for a candidate who may hold views contrary to Catholic teaching?**

On Thursday, July 31, the Most Reverend George Niederauer, Archbishop of San Francisco, will be here to discuss the Bishops’ document “*Form Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*,” and to answer the above questions and others you may have. We begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Please plan to come and invite your friends!

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

for our farewell liturgy and reception for Sr. Dolores Barling. Our celebration of her tenure here will begin at our 10:30a.m. and continue with a reception in the parish hall immediately following.

Pray for our sick..

Paul Banes, Mary Ann Large, Joanne Stewart