



Vacation time is approaching and we will change pace a little. We will alter our routines and take a mental break from the everyday world of schedules and work. It is the time to do and say something different. So we pack our bags and choose to go to the seashore, to the mountains, to national parks and other get-away places.

It takes me a few days to really relax and unwind. We are so caught up with the stuff of our lives, our routines and our work. A cartoon from the New Yorker comes to mind; a family of four on vacation is sitting on the beach. The father is working at his laptop, the mother is on the cell phone, the son is playing a hand-held electronic game and the girl is gyrating to the music coming through her headphones. A modern day family, thanks to the marvels of the silicon chip. Four people who carry their world with them, never taking the opportunity to break away and really connect with each other.

Rather than planning to fill the car or the luggage with gadgets and extra sport equipment this year, what about bringing the following questions and

attempting to answer them as you connect with each other on vacation:

- Who needs you most?
- Who needs your time and attention?
- What do they need most of?
- How can you be more available to those who depend on you?
- Is there a specific contribution you can make to this vacation to increase the happiness of your family?

As you prepare to plan for your vacation, please remember your ministry of stewardship. Your weekly stewardship of treasure is very important as we continue to pay weekly bills. Please ensure that you find a substitute for your ministry responsibilities. We want our visitors to experience our community as a "ministering community and a community of ministers."

Vacation time is also a good time for some quality reading, especially to grow in our faith. I will include a reading list in the bulletin next weekend.

Enjoy your vacation, relax and enjoy the change of pace, and come back home safely.

Fr. Padraig

MASS AT THE GROTTTO

Beginning **Monday, June 2, the 8:30 AM** daily mass will be celebrated at the **Grotto**.



FIRST WEDNESDAYS!!

Here's your opportunity to start evangelizing!! CCOP has a booth at downtown Pleasanton's First Wednesdays Summer Street Fair. Please come to the booth on **Wednesday, June 4 at 5:45 PM** for instructions in helping us staff our booth. Between **6:00 PM and 9:00 PM**, we hand out balloons to the kids, and talk to people about our church and our faith. It's a non-threatening way to begin sharing your faith! Mark your calendar for more opportunities in July, August and September. Please come and help us ... everyone is welcome!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Celebration of Confirmation

Bishop John Cummins will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with our young people next **Saturday, June 7, at 2:00 PM, in St. Elizabeth Seton Church**. You are welcome to join us!

Welcome Ministry

Fr. Padraig will meet with the **Newcomers Team and the Welcome Basket Teams** who prepare and distribute baskets to new families on **Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 PM in St. Augustine Hall**.

Farewell

After the **12 noon Mass on June 22**, we will gather for a reception in **St Augustine Hall** to express our gratitude to Jim Silva, Andrea Giovannoni, Anna Adams, and Sandi Wilson for their years of ministry in our parish. Please plan to attend.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Team 2A – Scheduled for June 7 & 8
Team 1A – Scheduled for June 14 & 15

COMMUNICATIONS

Fr. Padraig and the Parish Council are exploring the possibility of forming a committee or asking an individual to coordinate various CCOP communications activities. These include the weekly bulletins, parish directory, parish website, distribution of publications, promotion of programs and special events, and contacts with the Catholic Voice and media in general. A background in journalism would be helpful. If you are interested in this area, please contact John Duddy, Parish Council Chair, at (925) 485-1565 or by email to j.duddy@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Project Homeless Connect
Friday, June 6, 2008 - 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Pier 48, Terry Francois Boulevard
San Francisco, CA

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) works to improve access to city services and offer shelter and housing information to homeless San Franciscans. Through a one-stop model, PHC offers benefits assistance, dental services, medical services, employment, legal assistance, DMV IDs, and much more. Join us! To volunteer, register at www.ProjectHomelessConnect.com.

If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Slupesky at (925) 846-6824 or by email to suzanneslu@yahoo.com. Volunteers meet at **St. Elizabeth Seton at 7:00 AM** to take BART together to San Francisco.

Thank You

Twenty families from our parish enjoyed a camping experience together last weekend at Old Borges Ranch, Walnut Creek. Our sincere thanks to Eileen and Tom who organized the event. It was wonderful to see new families to the parish making strong connections with other families. Mass was celebrated at the camp site with the children and parents participating. This is a wonderful way to build community. Let's plan another soon.

CCOP PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We want to honor our parishioners serving in the military in our pictorial directory. Please send a picture in dress uniform and attach a note with name and instructions where we can return the picture to: Marcia Berardi P.O. Box 10926, Pleasanton, CA 94588. We need to receive these photos by **June 27, 2008**.



600 families have signed up to have their picture taken for the upcoming CCOP Church Directory. Thanks to all the families that have signed up via the online schedule or visited our sign-up tables following last weekend's masses. The next sign-up weekends are May 31 and June 1 at both St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. Please note the on-line schedule page is down during weekend sign-ups. We do not want to double book a time slot!

We need **you** to make our upcoming 2008 Parish Pictorial Directory complete! You will be photographed, view your images, and select your directory pose in **one** trip. Every family receives a **free** 8 x 10 portrait and a free directory for participating. There is no sitting fee and there is no cost to the church. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at competitive prices if you choose.

Portrait locations and dates are as follows:

St. Augustine Church

Rooms 17 and 18

June 17 – 21 ♦ June 30 – July 3 ♦ July 16 – 19

St. Elizabeth Seton

Rooms A and B

June 23 - 28

Go online www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and click the Portrait Sign Up link, email our Directory Coordinator at esther@edirectories.biz or call Esther at 510-381-0168.



CONCERT

Our accompanist, Ira Stein, and Music Director, Joe Hebert, will be giving a concert with their trio at **St. Elizabeth Seton on Friday, June 20th at 7:30 PM**. They will be performing classical and original music, and will be joined by a surprise guest. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.