



# The Weekly

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## Submissions

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## CHANCERY NEWS

### Fortnight for Freedom Holy Hours

New materials have been added to the Fortnight for Freedom resource page on the diocesan website. Please [click here](#) to access a Litany for Freedom and other documents on religious liberty or sign up for text alerts.

In observance of the Fortnight for Freedom, all are invited to participate in a daily Eucharistic Holy Hour in the Cathedral beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 a.m. and concluding at 12:00 noon with Benediction. This Holy Hour began June 21 and will continue each weekday throughout the fortnight, ending on July 4.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), concerned over the threats to religious freedom, has called on all dioceses, parishes and other Catholic institutions to participate in the "Fortnight for Freedom," June 21-July 4. This is a 14-day period of prayer, education and action by Catholics in support of religious freedom. All Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are invited to join with the faithful across our nation during this special time of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action to emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty. Information and resources are available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and the diocesan website, [www.oakdiocese.org](http://www.oakdiocese.org).

### Parish Holidays for 2013

The following eleven federal and/or state holidays are the required minimum holidays for Parish employees:

New Year's Day (January 1)  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (January 21)  
Presidents' Day (February 18)  
Cesar Chavez Day (Because Cesar Chavez Day falls in Holy Week it can be transferred to another day at the Pastor's discretion)  
Memorial Day (May 27)  
Independence Day (July 4)  
Labor Day (September 2)  
Columbus Day (October 14)  
Veterans Day (November 11)  
Thanksgiving (November 28)  
Christmas Day (December 25)

Because of the religious nature of the day, parish offices are closed from at least noon on Good Friday (March 29). Please Contact Human Resources at 510-267-8359 or 267-8363 with questions.

## 2012 Interfaith Blood Drive Begins

Donors at Lutheran, Catholic and Latter-day Saints locations in Oakland, Livermore and San Jose are the first to roll up their sleeves for the July 2012 Interfaith Blood Drive, with collections on Monday, July 2. Summer blood supplies are low because regular donors go on vacation at the same time the accident rate goes up due to increased travel and outdoor activities. Be part of the largest religious blood drive in the nation, this month in the Bay Area. Be a Hero. Donate Blood.

Call 1-800-REDCROSS or register on-line now at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Click the button to schedule an appointment, and enter the sponsor code "interfaithcommunity." You may choose one of the faith-based sites or donate at a regular Red Cross facility using this code.

*The Interfaith Blood Drive is an effort of the American Red Cross, the Catholic Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and numerous other faith communities in the greater Bay Area during the month of July.*

## July El Heraldo Católico Newspaper Available

*Sandi Gearhart, Office Manager  
The Catholic Voice, 510-893-5339*

For the parishes that receive El Heraldo Católico, our diocesan Spanish-language monthly newspaper, the current issues were delivered to your site last week. Please make the copies of El Heraldo Católico available to your Spanish-speaking community after all Spanish Masses. Please let your Spanish-speaking community know the paper is available by including an announcement in your parish bulletin and/or by including it with your announcements.

If there is a parish that is not receiving El Heraldo Católico, and would like to have copies of it delivered to their site, please contact Sandi Gearhart, see above.

## Christmas in July

*Saturday, July 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Cathedral of Christ the Light Plaza, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland  
Denise Kogler 510-271-1935*

Christmas in July is an evening celebration benefiting the December 2012 Crèche Festival. The event is hosted by Bishop Cordileone and Father Ray Sacca, Rector of the Cathedral. There will be live entertainment provided by the Bishop O'Dowd High School Jazz Combo, a silent auction, and a tasting of fine wines and hors d'oeuvres provided by the Cathedral's featured caterers. Tickets are \$25 or, with a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Program for needy children, \$20. For reservations and information please call Denise Kogler, see above.

## Life & Justice

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### **Mission Possible: Reenergizing Parish Social Ministry**

*Saturday, June 30, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm*

*St. John Vianney, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek*

Looking for ways to reenergize your parish social justice group? *JustFaith*, Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland are hosting a workshop to help participants who wish to reenergize and/or start a parish social justice ministry that is (1) rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, (2) connected to other ministries in the parish, and (3) a leaven to invite all parishioners to participate, not just a motivated few. Facilitated by Chris West and Deacon Matt Dulka. This FREE workshop draws on the presenters' experience helping many parishes start, strengthen or renew their ministries of service and justice. Coffee and pastries provided.

For more information or to register visit [www.oak4life.org](http://www.oak4life.org) or contact John Watkins, see above.

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## EVENTS & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### **Windows to the Divine: The Art, Meaning & Mysticism of Icons**

*Tuesday, June 26, 7:30 pm*

*Maryknoll Center, 16642 Ashland Ave., San Lorenz*

*Kris East 510- 276-5021*

Join the Maryknoll Affiliates for an introductory overview on the significance and spirituality of iconography as expressed in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Various icons will be shown during the presentation. A question-answer session will follow the program.

Presenter: Steve Georgiou, Ph.D. Dr. Georgiou teaches courses in Religion and the Interdisciplinary Humanities at San Francisco City College and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

### **Catholic Community of Pleasanton Lecture Series: Telling the Great Story of Vatican II**

*Tuesdays through October, 7:30 pm*

*St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton*

*Lisa Fairchild 925-600-1765 [lisafairchild@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisafairchild@sbcglobal.net)*

[Click here](#) for full schedule of lectures. Free-will offering.

June 26 - Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: From Sacristy and Sanctuary to Politics and Planet. Facilitated by Father Brian Joyce, Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Pleasant Hill.

July 10 - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: From passive presence to active, conscious participation. Facilitated by Deacon Gary Wortham & Mark Sullivan, Directors of Liturgical & Music Ministries, CCOP.

July 17 - Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People: From Pray/Pay to Active Involvement/Ownership. Facilitated by Father Padraig Greene, Pastor, CCOP.

July 24 - Declaration of Religious Freedom? What Religious Freedom?  
Facilitated by Father Dan Danielson, retired.

July 31 - Bishops & Priest: With you I am baptized...For you I am ordained.  
Facilitated by Father John Kasper, OSFS, Pastor, St. Perpetua Church,  
Lafayette.

### **Lecture on The Spirituality of StrengthsFinder**

*Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 pm - 8:45pm*

*St. Augustine Church, 400 Alcatraz Ave., Oakland*

*Walt Sears 925-963-9341 [waltsears79@yahoo.com](mailto:waltsears79@yahoo.com)*

Have you ever noticed yourself doing things easily that others find difficult or mystifying? Have you ever wondered why certain prayer styles work better for you? Did you know that you have five top strengths that largely determine how you interact with the world? The answer to these questions may be StrengthsFinder, a personal strengths and talents identification assessment pioneered by the Gallup Corporation. Karen Miller, MDiv, pastoral associate and trained StrengthsFinders coach, will present a discussion on the spirituality of StrengthsFinder. Please join us for this interesting and insightful presentation and discussion. Suggested donation is \$8. For more information, contact Walt Sears, see above.

### **Mark Mallett in Concert, "Encounter with Jesus"**

*Monday, July 2, 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm*

*St. Agnes Church, 3966 Chestnut Ave., Concord*

*Marlene McCann 925-689-0838*

Life's hectic pace and all its worries can take a toll. Let Mark Mallett's refreshing music and power-packed message, and the healing power of Christ, restore and rejuvenate you! Mark is a Canadian singer/songwriter, author and Catholic evangelist. Free-will offering. CDs and books will be available for purchase. For more information, contact the parish, see above.

### **Re-energize Mid-week with Taize around the Cross**

*Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm*

*Maryknoll Center, 16642 Ashland Ave, San Lorenzo*

*Kris East 510-276-5021*

[www.maryknoll.us](http://www.maryknoll.us)

In the midst of a hectic week, experience the re-energizing power of Christ with music and contemplative prayer led by Ruth Picha, Spiritual Director.

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## **INTERCESSIONS/PARISH BULLETINS**

### **Vocations**

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## Monthly Parish Intercessions for Vocations

### July 1

For all seminarians, especially those of our diocese, that they may inspire others to a life of priestly service, we pray to the LORD.

Por todos los seminaristas, especialmente los de nuestra diócesis, para que puedan inspirar a otros a una vida de servicio sacerdotal, oremos al Señor.

### July 8

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, especially within our diocese, we pray to the LORD.

Por un aumento a las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa, especialmente dentro de nuestra diócesis, oremos al Señor.

### July 15

For all priests our diocese, that they may guide our youth into the fullness of God's truth, love and service, we pray to the LORD.

Por todos los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis, para que puedan guiar a nuestros jóvenes a la plenitud de la verdad, amor y servicio de Dios, oremos al Señor.

### July 22

For the members of the parish vocations committees, that they may see fruit of their efforts in a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.

Por los miembros parroquianos del comité de vocaciones, para que puedan ver el fruto de sus esfuerzos en una cosecha fructífera de vocaciones al sacerdocio y vida religiosa, oremos al Señor.

### July 29

For the clergy and religious of our diocese, that their example may lead young people to prayerfully consider a Church vocation, we pray to the LORD.

Por los sacerdotes y religiosos de nuestra diócesis, que su ejemplo guíe a los jóvenes a considerar una vocación a la iglesia, oremos al Señor.

## Stewardship

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## Parish Bulletin Messages from Stewardship

### (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time), July 1

Today's first reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship - "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

### (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time), July 8

This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

### **(Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time), July 15**

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

### **(Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time), July 22**

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire -- a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

### **(Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time), July 29**

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

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## **RECITALS & CONCERTS**

### **St. Mary's Cathedral**

*1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco, CA 94109*

*415-567-2020, ext. 213*

[www.stmarycathedralsf.org](http://www.stmarycathedralsf.org)

The following Sunday Recitals start at 3:30 pm and are free to the public, with ample free parking.

July 1	Andrew Chislett, Organist
July 8	Matt Emkey, Organist from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
July 15	Karen Beaumont, Organist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 22	Louis Perazza, Organist from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 29	Alexei Kodash, Violinist

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## **RETREATS**

*Please contact the retreat centers directly for further registration information*

### **San Damiano Retreat Center**

*710 Highland Drive, Danville*

*925-837-9141, extension 315 [katerik@sandamiano.org](mailto:katerik@sandamiano.org)*

[www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org)

Recovery Retreat - Sr. Briegeen Moore, OSC

*June 29-July 1*

5-day Silent Contemplative - Fr. Dan Riley, OFM

*July 22-27*

Silent Contemplative - Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, OSB, Cam.

*July 27-29*

Silent Meditation Day - Sr. Barbara Hazzard, OSB

*July 28*

Women's Retreat - Sr. Fran Ferder, FSPA, Ph.D.  
*August 3-5*

40-Hours Devotional Retreat - Fr. Ray Bucher, OFM and Fr. Evan Howard, OFM  
*August 3-5*

Latino Retreat - Fr. Oscar Mendez, OFM  
*August 10-12*

Day of Dialogue for Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual & Transgendered People  
*August 12*

Young Adults Retreat - Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM and Paula Jenkins  
*August 24-26*

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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For more information and complete job descriptions, click [here](#)

### **Music Director – St. Columba**

St. Columba Catholic Church announces its search for a Director of Music. The position requires a Bachelor of Music or comparable experience, keyboard skills in piano and organ; ability to direct a choir, form cantors and musicians, plan music for liturgical seasons and celebrations, produce programs for the assembly, and work with the pastor and liturgy committee.

The applicant should be familiar with the range of African American religious music as witnessed through traditional hymns, Black gospel music, folk songs of the broader church, as well as classical music.

Parish resources include a 6'9" Kawai grand piano, an organ, a 23 member choir, cantors, and excellent percussionists. There are three masses each weekend: 4:00 pm Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday. Added responsibilities may include: funerals, weddings, reconciliation services and celebrations in accordance with the Church's liturgical calendar. If the applicant is not familiar with the Church's liturgical year or the intricacies of Catholic Eucharistic liturgy, there will be ample help and formation through the seasons of her/his first year. A set of specific expectations will be sent to each applicant, along with an explanation of our interview process.

Please contact Father Aidan McAleenan at 510-654-7600 or [stcolumba1898@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumba1898@gmail.com), or Rawn Harbor at 510-524-4238. Application period: August 1 - October 30, 2012 for November hire. Salary will be negotiated at time of hire.

### **Receptionist/Secretary - St. Felicitas Church**

St. Felicitas parish in San Leandro is seeking a receptionist/secretary. The position is full-time, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Receptionist/secretary is responsible for making and answering phone calls, greeting people who come to the parish office in a friendly and welcoming way. The person assists in maintaining parish records, bulletin, scheduling events, etc. A strong emphasis is placed on the ability to multi-task, work under the direction of the pastor and be a team player.

The position is S-2 according to the guidelines in the Oakland Diocese Personnel Policies (Appendix E) and includes health benefits. The position will be available early August. Please send resumes and letter of intent to: Search Committee, c/o Pastor, St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579 or by email at [stfelicitaschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stfelicitaschurch@comcast.net)

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## TICKLER FILE

### Specialization Course in Liturgy

*Saturdays: August 11, September 8, October 20, November 10, December 8  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

*St. Joseph the Worker School, 2125 Jefferson Ave., Berkeley  
Mary Ann Wiesinger 510-267-8352*

Highly recommended for Lectors, Acolytes, Musicians, Singers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Master Catechists, those who want to be Master Catechists, or any lay person interested in learning more about the Liturgy of the Church. Instructor is Father Jeffrey Keyes, C.P.P.S. View flyer [here](#).  
Fee: \$95

With an emphasis on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, participants will learn about:

- The Liturgy of the Word
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist
- The Role of Music in the life of worship of the Church
- And more!

To Register: contact Sandra Martinez [Smartinez@oakdiocese.org](mailto:Smartinez@oakdiocese.org)

### Specialization Course in Love, Sex, and the Mystery of the Human Person

*Saturdays: August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm*

*St. Joseph the Worker School, 2125 Jefferson Ave., Berkeley  
Mary Ann Wiesinger 510-267-8352*

This course is especially designed for you! It is never too late, nor too early, to unravel the mystery of our own human sexuality. From the early exclamation "it's a girl!" or "it's a boy!" to first loves and all that follows, we are particularly aware of how integral our sexuality is to who we are as persons. What does it mean to be a person? Why do we have a sexual urge? We will explore these questions and many more in this overview of Blessed John Paul II's text, *Love and Responsibility*. Participants who successfully complete this course will be provided resources to lead a study in one's parish or prayer group. Everyone is invited to join us in a collegial and welcoming environment. View flyer [here](#).  
Fee: \$95. To Register: contact Sandra Martinez [Smartinez@oakdiocese.org](mailto:Smartinez@oakdiocese.org).

### Social Ministry Certificate Program

*Saturdays: August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm*

*St. Joseph the Worker School, 2125 Jefferson Ave., Berkeley  
John Watkins 510-267-8379*

Highly recommended for Social Justice Ministers, JustFaith grads, Catechists, Catholic School teachers, Master Catechists and those interested in becoming Master Catechists, and other adults seeking ongoing formation in their Catholic

faith. Renewal certification credit is available. View flyer [here](#). Fee: \$85. To Register: contact Sandra Martinez [Smartinez@oakdiocese.org](mailto:Smartinez@oakdiocese.org).

### **Communications Workshops for Couples**

*August 18 9:00 am - 5:30 pm (register at 8:30 am)*

*Cathedral of Christ the Light Parish, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland*

*[www.facebook.com/groups/mmleatbay](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mmleatbay)*

Attention Married Couples – want to fall more deeply in love with your spouse? Come to a free communications workshop – Mastering the Mysteries of Love - held monthly at the Parish of the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Learn the skills that will make you a master communicator. For more information, contact Ed Hopfner, 510-267-8392 or [ehopfner@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ehopfner@oakdiocese.org).

### **50th Anniversary – Diocesan Celebrations SAVE THE DATES**

Wednesday, **August 22**, the Memorial for the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a celebration, by invitation only, will be held at the Cathedral. Bishop Cordileone will be principal celebrant and Bishop Cummins and Archbishop Vigneron will be principal concelebrants. Tickets will be allocated to each parish for this event. For more information contact the Worship Office, 510-273-4980.

Sunday, **September 9**, the history of the diocese will be examined at a symposium, "Fifty Years of Life of the Diocese of Oakland in the Light of Vatican II," with reflections by Bishop John Cummins and other noted speakers. This free event will be held in the Cathedral Event Center from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, with light refreshments following. All are welcome. More details will be available in the coming months. Please contact Father George Alengadan, [galengadan@oakdiocese.org](mailto:galengadan@oakdiocese.org), if you have immediate questions.

Saturday, **October 13**, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, come celebrate diversity at the "Cathedral Unity Festival," a diocesan multicultural celebration with Bishop Cordileone presiding. All cultural/parish groups are invited to participate in this celebration. More information coming soon. Contact Annette Roux for more information, [gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net) or 925-210-0732.

Sunday, **October 21**, the diocese will offer our first annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or 50+ years of marriage in 2012 (Jan 1, 2012 – Dec 31, 2012). Mass will be at 4:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Cathedral Conference Center. For more information visit [www.oakanniversary.info](http://www.oakanniversary.info) or call (510) 267-8395.

Sunday, **January 6, 2013**, the many individuals who volunteer their time and talents for diocesan committees will be honored and shown appreciation. More information on this invitation-only event will be forthcoming at a later date.

### **ON FIRE 2012 - YM and Young Adult Kickoff**

*Saturday, September 22, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm*

*Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo*

Join 4000 youth, seven Diocesan Bishops, and many special guests for the official kick-off for Catholic youth & young adult ministry in Northern California. The event is officially sponsored by the dioceses of Oakland, Monterey, San Jose, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Sacramento, Reno and Fresno. Get tickets and all the details at <http://onfirenorcal.com>. Discount code: onfire.

