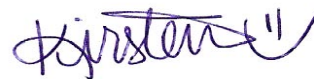


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May is a month of celebration for our teens with the Confirmation Ceremony on our calendar! It's incredibly exciting and rewarding to watch the culmination of two years of preparation come to fruition. And it's such an honor for me to experience the miracle of the transformation that happens within the hearts and faith journeys of our teens. Please keep our 105 Confirmation II Candidates in your prayers. I just know that the Holy Spirit has HUGE plans for these teens in our Parish community...

But with the summer around the corner, there is lots to do too (and it's really easy to get disconnected)! Make sure to make a deliberate effort to stay connected. It reminds me of the bible parable about the vine and the branches... we are each the branches and in order to stay alive, we must remain connected to the vine. The vine being church! If we break away or allow ourselves to get disconnected, we will wither. And sometimes when we are not on a schedule or in a rhythm, we get too comfortable.

To help you with this, Youth Ministry activities will continue throughout the summer. We will be having service projects, socials, spiritual events, etc. etc... to help you stay connected to this life-giving community. And we are so excited to get the year 1 teens on board for their second year of Confirmation!! Have a beautiful month of May!



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### *An insight and commentary on Catholic Prayer...*

Prayer, the lifting of the mind and heart to God, plays an essential role in the life of all Catholics. Without a life of prayer, we risk losing the life of grace in our souls, grace that comes to us first in baptism and later chiefly through the other sacraments and through prayer itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2565). Through prayer we enter into the presence of the Godhead dwelling in us. It is prayer which allows us to adore God, by acknowledging his almighty power; it is prayer that allows us to bring our thanks, our petitions, and our sorrow for sin before our Lord and God.

While prayer is not a practice unique to Catholics, those prayers that are called "Catholic" are generally formulaic in nature. That is, the teaching Church sets before us how we ought to pray. Drawing from the words of Christ, the writings of Scripture and the saints, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she supplies us with prayers grounded in Christian tradition. Further, our informal, spontaneous prayers, both vocal and meditative, are informed by and shaped by those prayers taught by the Church, prayers that are the wellspring for the prayer life of all Catholics. Without the Holy Spirit speaking through the Church and through her saints, we would not know how to pray as we ought (CCC, 2650).

As the prayers themselves witness, the Church teaches us that we should pray not only directly to God, but also to those who are close to God, those who have the power to intercede upon our behalf. Indeed, we pray to the angels to help and watch over us; we pray to the saints in heaven to ask their intercession and assistance; we pray to the Blessed Mother to enlist her aid, to ask her to beg her Son to hear our prayers. Further, we pray not only on our own behalf, but also on the behalf of those souls in purgatory and of those brothers on earth who are in need. Prayer unites us to God; in doing so, we are united to the other members of the Mystical Body.

This communal aspect of prayer is reflected not only in the nature of Catholic prayers, but also in the very words of the prayers themselves. In reading many of the basic formulaic prayers, it will become apparent that, for the Catholic, prayer is often meant to be prayed in the company of others. Christ himself encouraged us to pray together: "For wherever two or more are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Keeping in mind the aforementioned characteristics of Catholic prayer will enable you to appreciate and to understand the prayers our church has.

## Vision Leadership Team Updates

May Vision Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th 7:00 p.m. in the COUCH ROOM!

Stay connected! Join us for updates, fellowship and a leadership development!

We will be discussing Summer and year end plans...!

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**Search for the Group  
"St. Norbert Youth Ministry"  
on**

**Find us and add us!**

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**This will help us keep you in the loop and give you reminders about events! You also will be able to post and tag pictures from Youth Ministry events! Don't waste another minute.**

Adam DePetris—5/2  
 Jamie Garcia—5/4  
 Connor Noden—5/6  
 Steve Moore—5/7  
 Steven Bonilla—5/8  
 Zach Snyder—5/10  
 Theresa Kilgore—5/11  
 Joselyn Bravo—5/14  
 Aaron Fortelny—5/15  
 Bridget Greinke—5/15  
 Sean Greaney—5/15  
 Dana Tombrello—5/17

Alan Royse—5/17  
 Natalie Mendez—5/17  
 Jesslyn Laureano—5/18  
 Lisa Venturelli—5/18  
 Kimberly Bermudez—5/21  
 Jared Spieckerman—5/23  
 Alise Vega—5/24  
 Colleen Costello—5/24  
 Marisa Brand—5/27  
 Justin Fernandez—5/29  
 Maddy Soria—5/29

A shout out to all of our teens and volunteers whose birthdays are in May.

# Happy Birthday!!!

Thank you, God, for the gift of life of each of these people!



## How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy On Rosary beads...

Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: *Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades.*

Conclude with (three times): *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



Jesus | Trust in You!

## Why the Feast of Divine Mercy?

The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated for many years. Ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.

First of all, we must understand that this Feast of Mercy is no one else's idea, but Our Lord's. Fourteen times in the Diary of St. Faustina (Divine Mercy In My Soul) Our Lord is quoted as requesting a "Feast of Mercy." This is why Our Holy Father John Paul II had proclaimed, "I give thanks to divine Providence that I have been enabled to contribute personally to the fulfillment of Christ's will, through the institution of the Feast of Divine Mercy." Our Lord also insisted that it be celebrated on a specific day - the Sunday after Easter!

One of the goals of the Second Vatican Council was to complete our liturgical year celebrations and have them match our Old Testament feast. This Feast of Mercy is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Day of Atonement (see Lv 16, Lv 23:29-32 and Sir 50) which was an annual feast where all sins and punishment were washed away. The Feast of Mercy is an annual celebration, which, as Jesus revealed, also has the promise of the total forgiveness of sins and punishment. Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the

## First Friday Adoration!

Friday, May 6th —Teen Adoration Hour: 7–8:15 p.m.

Join us for Evening Prayer, Meditations and Reflections and Music... Spend Some Quality Time With Jesus and other Catholic teens in our Parish community!

\*\*Confirmation Students— it's not too late to complete your Confirmation Requirement. Please invite your sponsors to attend with you!

\*\*This can count as a make-up class for Confirmation students if needed. Be sure to sign in, in the log book at the back of the church.



**ATTENTION**  
**St. Norbert**  
**Guadalupana Scholarship**  
**Applicants and all**  
**High School Students**

This year we are offering a scholarship writing workshop to help you as you work on your application questions and essay. This workshop will benefit not only our senior applicants but all high school students as they look forward to writing application essays in the future. Learn how to better present your thoughts and ideas. Learn tips for preparing successful scholarship applications.

## **Scholarship Writing Workshop**

**St. Norbert Ministry Center**  
**Monday, May 9th at 7 p.m.**

Our presenter is Melanie Saracco of Melanie Saracco Consulting. She has worked in the financial aid field for thirty years, most recently as the Director of Financial Aid at California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly Pomona) and previously at Scripps College and UCLA. She has also participated on scholarship selection committees at St. Norbert and Cal Poly Pomona.

If you have questions about the workshop, please contact Pat Robles-Friebert at [oakfriebert@aol.com](mailto:oakfriebert@aol.com) or (714) 997-7308.

*Thank  
You*

*Special thanks to all of our parents and volunteers who helped at the Youth Ministry office while Kirsten was on Maternity Leave. We could not have been able to provide all of the opportunities in this ministry over these months without you! May God bless your humble work and your families. We are so blessed to be a part of such a generous Parish family that supports its members!*

## Thomas House May Service Opportunities

Saturday, May 14th Birthday Party!

9:30—2:00 p.m.

We are hosting the birthday party for the children whose birthdays are in May, living at the Thomas House. We will meet at St. Norbert at 9:30 a.m., pray together and discuss the day, then head to the Thomas House to set up the party! We will play games, build community and celebrate the children of the Thomas House. We will end with lunch and birthday cake! We have room for 12 teens to join us on this great



morning, so please RSVP with Helen asap to get on the list! Parents, if you can assist in driving, please let us know.

Thursday, May 19th Tutoring Help

5:00—8:30 p.m.

The evening will begin by meeting in the YM Couch Room at 5:00 p.m. From there we will carpool over to Thomas House in Garden Grove.

Unfortunately this event will not include time for dinner (you'll have to eat later, when you get home). We'll be helping the children do their homework and playing with them while their parents actively participate in life skills training, job training and parenting skills to help them successfully transition out of the shelter with their families. Return time to church should be between 8:15 –8:30p.m.

**TEEN RSVP's ARE REQUIRED, AS SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

Parents, if you can assist in driving, please let us know.

### **Taco Sunday Help!**

**We need three teens to help out with**

**Taco Sunday at St. Norbert!**

**Sunday, May 22, 2011**

**Email Helen to get on the list at**

**[hbaehner@stnorbertchurch.org](mailto:hbaehner@stnorbertchurch.org)**

**Please don't just show up!**

St. Norbert Christian Services is an inspiring ministry that reaches out to our local community each Saturday. They help local families by providing food, clothing, and supplies to those who seek them. Youth Ministry is assigned one Saturday out of the month to help set up, distribute food and clothing, & clean up.



### Christian Services YM Help Day!

**EVERY SATURDAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY!**

Two shifts are available each day (for 3 teens)...

**Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28th**

**8:00—11:00 a.m.**

**OR 11:30—2:30 p.m.**

**An RSVP to Helen is required!**

**15 teens is our capacity, so make sure to RSVP early!**

**No lunch will be provided, so please come**

**with a full stomach!**

**Arrive ready to work and open to help.**

**We recommend wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toed shoes (trust us!). You will check in with Alan Royse, one of our Confirmation teachers. You are required to stay for the duration of the shift that you sign up for.**

**If you'd like to stay the whole day, you absolutely can! But it will only count as one service project towards your requirement. Thank you!**

# *Late First Communion*

## *May Class      Date change!!!*

Next (and final) Class will be on:  
Sunday, May 15      4:00—5:15 p.m.  
(date change due to Mother's Day)



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## Final Confirmation Make-Up Class Opportunities

These are your options:

A Third First Friday Adoration **on May 6th** from 7:00—8:15 p.m.  
(if you have already attended both that are required) **AND/OR**  
**Tuesday, May 10** from 7:30—9:00 p.m. in the GYM

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## **Parent Ministry Prayer Night**

**Tuesday, May 10 from 7:30—9:00 p.m.**  
**in the Youth Ministry Room**  
**facilitated by Pam Hurwitz of “Called by Name”**

**Topic of the evening...**

*...Surrender...*



**We've spent the year praying together, growing together and sharing our experiences with each other. Join us for the last Parent Ministry Prayer night for the year. Even if you haven't been to any prior, don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect with other parents of teenagers—to pray together, grow together and share your journey of faith! We will surrender ourselves to God's love and see how HE wants to teach us and bless us through our trust! If you are able to RSVP, that would be helpful for us to be able to provide refreshments and seating for everyone!**

World Youth Day, Here we come!!

# WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE UP-

## Next Mandatory World Youth Day Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th

7:00 p.m.

All teens and a parent must attend.  
And don't forget to bring your passports!!

Also, Pilgrims—please make payments to the  
YM Office while Kirsten is on leave! Don't get  
behind on paying for your trip!

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There are a few spots left! If you or your teen is interested in joining us on our Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain for World Youth Day 2011, please contact our office today!! Only a few weeks left to sign up!

## Confirmation I Teens— Re-Registration for year 2 will begin in June!

To re-register, you will set up a Parent/Teen Meeting with Kirsten at Youth Ministry. Early bird registration will be in the month of June and sign ups for meetings will begin mid-may.

Keep an eye out in your emails and in the mail for more information.

## Wrapping up Confirmation II...

### DEADLINE FOR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

All of the following Confirmation Requirements must be submitted to the Youth Ministry office:

- FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR REGISTRATION AND RETREAT MUST BE SETTLED, WITH A ZERO BALANCE
- TYPED LETTER TO THE BISHOP MUST BE SUBMITTED (INFO ON THE RUBRIC TO THIS TO COME RIGHT AFTER RETREAT)
- SAINT FORM SUBMITTED
- BAPTISMAL AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES ON FILE
- SPONSOR FORM MUST BE ON FILE
- ATTENDANCE MUST BE CURRENT, FULFILLED AND ALL MAKE-UPS, SATISFIED (THE TWO FINAL MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES ARE FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION (5/6) AND CLASS ON TUESDAY, 5/10)
- TWO FIRST FRIDAY ADORATIONS MUST HAVE BEEN ATTENDED EACH YEAR
- (3)SERVICE PROJECTS MUST HAVE BEEN FULFILLED THROUGH OUR YM PROGRAM

# Confirmation Ceremony Info!

Bishop Cirilo Flores will be presiding for the Confirmation Ceremony on  
**Friday, May 27, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.**

## Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors:

Sponsors and teens need to arrive at 4:00 p.m. Sharp!  
We will all be meeting in the Family and Youth Center Gym.

**DRESS CODE** (This will be strictly enforced!!)

### Gentlemen:

Formal slacks or suit, collared shirt and tie, dress shoes and socks, hair well manicured  
(Sports Coat is optional).

### Ladies:

Dresses or long skirts (BELOW the knee), modest tops (no cleavage or bra straps showing).  
"Leggins" under dresses are appropriate. Dress shoes or heels. No flip flops. Shoulders must  
be covered therefore no spaghetti straps!! If you have spaghetti straps on a dress, you must  
wear a cardigan or sweater over the dress for the entire ceremony.

If anyone shows up in clothes or shoes that violate this policy, they will be asked to go home  
immediately and change into something appropriate.

Parents—do a spot check!!

## Parents:

The church will be opened for seating at 4:30 p.m. and not before that time. The front and center pews will be reserved for Confirmation teens and their sponsors. Bishop Flores has requested no photography during the Confirmation ceremony. Pictures will be taken after the ceremony with the bishop. Thank You!

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### Confirmation Ceremony Rehearsal

Sunday, May 22  
4:00 p.m. in the church

All teens and their sponsors **MUST** attend this rehearsal. We will stay for 5:30 p.m. Mass together after the rehearsal.

### Confirmation II Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, May 24  
7:00—9:00 p.m. in the church

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, all teens must attend this Reconciliation Service. We will meet in the church at 7:00 SHARP!

# May 2011



| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1  | 2<br>   | 3<br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br>                     | 4<br><b>WORLD YOUTH DAY MANDATORY PARENT/TEEN TEAM MEETING 7 PM YM ROOM</b>               | 5<br>       | 6<br>First Friday Adoration "Praise Him!"<br>Holy Hour<br>7:00—8:15 p.m.<br>In the Church                       | 7<br>Christian Service Help!<br>8-11:00 OR 11:30-2:30<br><br>RSVP with YM                                       |
| 8<br>Divine Mercy Sunday   | 9.<br><b>Guadalupeana Writers Workshop 7:00-8:00 p.m. Ministry Ctr.</b>                  | 10<br>Confirmation Make up Class (CI & CII) in GYM 7:30—9:00 p.m.<br>Parent Prayer Night (Final one for Year) in YM Room 7:30—9:00 p.m. | 11<br><i>Vision Meeting 7:00 p.m. YM Room</i>   | 12   | 13<br>                       | 14<br>Thomas House BDay Party 9:30-2:00<br><br>Christian Service Help!<br>8-11:00 OR 11:30-2:30<br>RSVP with YM |
| 15<br><b>First Communion Class 4:00—5:15 p.m. YM Couch Room</b>                                | 16<br> | 17  | 18<br> | 19<br>Thomas House Tutoring 5:00—8:30 p.m.<br><br><u>RSVP and Permission Slip is Required!</u> | 20  | 21<br><br>Christian Service 8-11:00 OR 11:30-2:30<br>RSVP with YM   |
| 22<br>Confirmation II Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.<br>For ALL Conf. II Teens and Sponsors IN THE CHURCH | 23   | 24<br>CII Reconciliation Service 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. In the Church   | 25  | 26<br>    | 27<br><b>Confirmation Ceremony</b><br>Teens/Sponsors meet at 4:00 pm SHARP in GYM<br>Ceremony starts at 5:30 pm | 28<br>Christian Service 8-11:00 OR 11:30-2:30<br><br>RSVP with YM   |
| 29<br>       | 30<br>Happy Memorial Day!  | 31<br>   |   |  |   |                            |