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CHANCERY NEWS

NEW! FAQ about Heat Waves and Heat Illness

This year's Fall Festival Season has been especially hot! As your parish and ministries prepare for its various activities indoor and outdoor, please be aware of and prepare for heat waves and the potential heat-related illnesses that may come with it. The San Francisco Department of Public Health and Environmental Health have prepared a [Frequently Asked Questions information sheet](#), which includes a list of vulnerable populations, symptoms and prevention information. A [multilingual package](#) is also available.

CRS Response to Recent Earthquakes and Hurricanes

Marc McKimney 510-768-3176 mmckimney@cceb.org

On Tuesday, September 19, a 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck south of Mexico City, killing nearly 300 people as of last Friday and more casualties expected as rescue efforts continue. The quake struck less than 2 weeks after an 8.1 earthquake hit Oaxaca, Mexico.

Catholic Relief Services—along with partners like Caritas—have been responding in Mexico following the September 7 earthquake, focusing on shelter repairs and immediate relief to vulnerable families in isolated areas outside of Mexico City. It is now providing relief to the survivors of the two temblors both inside the capital and elsewhere.

Your prayers and financial support are requested. CRS has prayer resources in both English and Spanish, including general intercessions, which can be at crs.org. To assist with the rescue efforts and to provide emergency supplies by also [visiting the website](#).

Hurricanes Irma & Maria: First hitting landfall on September 6, the catastrophic Category 5, Hurricane Irma, left death and destruction in its path, affecting as many as half a million people and claiming at least 38 lives. The storm wreaked havoc on the small islands of Anguilla, Barbuda, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy in the Leeward Islands, wiping out homes and leaving many residents without electricity and in need of basic supplies. Although parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic were also devastated, Cuba and the Caribbean Islands suffered the most severe damages, to the point of being completely leveled.

Working closely with local governments and partners, Catholic Relief Services is providing shelter, water and critical supplies, including tarps, tents, and hygiene and kitchen kits to families affected by this disaster. For more information about the impact of Irma and the aid being given by CRS, please see the attached factsheet in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Now, CRS is also responding to Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 storm that is dropping heavy rains on some of the islands already devastated by Hurricane Irma, has made landfall in Dominica, Puerto Rico, Turks and Caicos bringing death and

destruction.

Prayers and financial contributions are badly needed for those hurt by these storms. Catholic Relief Services offers prayer resources in English and Spanish at prayer. Donations for hurricane relief can also be made [online](#).

Because CRS is the U.S. Catholic Church's international humanitarian agency, it supports the emergency response outside of the United States. CRS' sister organization, Catholic Charities, is aiding those victimized by both hurricanes here in the U.S., including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as Florida and other states. Any gifts to assist those living in the U.S. and its territories, should go to Catholic Charities USA at [CCUSA](#).

For regular updates on the relief efforts of CRS in both Mexico and the Caribbean, please see their website at [crs.org](#). If you have questions, please contact the CRS Diocesan Coordinator Marc McKimney, see above.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, October 11 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

St. Columba Parish Hall, 6401 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland

Marc McKimney 510-768-3176 mmckimney@cceb.org

The diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Local Committee cordially invites you to come to their annual grant awards luncheon. At the luncheon, grants will be presented to organizations in the Diocese of Oakland which are doing community organizing or economic development projects with low income people to empower them to improve their lives and their economic status. The gathering is an opportunity to honor the groups for the inspiring work they are doing as well as to recognize people who have made important contributions to the community.

It should be a great event. This year special tribute is being paid to Sr. Maureen Duignan, long time Executive Director of the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, for her more than 30 years of providing legal services with compassion to immigrants and refugees in the East Bay. She has also provided transitional housing to immigrants for years as director of Oakland's Casa Esperanza.

The guest speaker will be Bob Lassalle-Klein, Professor of Religious Studies at Holy Names University, co-founder Oakland Catholic Worker, transitional house and community center for Latin American immigrants, and author of the forthcoming book *Voices of Migrants and Refugees*. All this and a tasty lunch as well. And it is all free of charge! [Download the flyer](#) for more details.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Catholic Bishops' education-action program to combat poverty in the United States. CCHD is rooted in the belief that organized groups of poor and low-income people, aided by seed money, can develop economic strength and political power in their communities. The program supports projects that address conditions of poverty in critical areas such as social and economic development, housing, health care, legal aid, education and communication.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP at ktobin@cceb.org or 510-768-3109, no later than Wednesday, October 4.

Take a moment to check out Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services new quarterly newsletter.

Read the first edition of the [CFCS Fall Newsletter](#) and see if your parish is mentioned.

In this new quarterly newsletter we will be highlighting the work and events

connected to CFCS both at the cemetery and in the parishes. The newsletter will include colorful event photos, for example check out the incredible Aztec dancers from our “Dia de Los Muertos” celebration featured this month. Articles will include valuable information on grief support and educational opportunities for your parishes and parishioners. Each Parish will be receiving a copy but if you would like to receive more copies, subscribe to our online mailing list, or if you have an idea for an article to feature, please contact our Outreach Manager Kate Neal at katen@cfcsoakland.org.

Life & Justice

Cristina Hernández 510-267-8379 chernandez@oakdiocese.org

NEW! Parish Solidarity Initiative: Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 7, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

The Cathedral of Christ the Light, St. Joseph Room, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland

Roberto De Leon 510-768-3109 mrdeleon@cceb.org

Pastors, parish staff and interested parishioners are all invited to participate in the Parish Solidarity Initiative Fall Retreat to be held on October 7 at The Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Come learn about an exciting new diocesan initiative to assist parishes in inspiring and guiding their parishioners in responding to the call of the Gospel and Pope Francis to put their faith into action.

This retreat will provide a space of faith sharing, leadership and organizing skills to animate fellow parishioners to become involved in social ministry. It is also an opportunity to learn about specific direct services and social justice activities in which your parish can engage. It's a great chance to refresh and strengthen one's spirituality before the fall season and the holidays arrive. The retreat will inspire us to become a church in the streets that helps those in need and in the margins. It is also aimed at parishes with large immigrant and young adult populations in order to develop a new generation of Catholic leaders.

A continental breakfast as well as lunch will be served. In order for us to plan for food and seating, please RSVP to Roberto de Leon, see above, no later than Wednesday, October 4. Spanish interpretation will be provided upon request.

For more information, [view the flyer](#), or contact Roberto De Leon.

Marriage & Family Life

Mimi Streett 510-267-8392 mstreett@oakdiocese.org

NEW! Natural Family Planning Intro Classes

Mimi Streett 510-267-8392 mstreett@oakdiocese.org

Free Natural Family Planning with Dr. Tom and Debbie Lenz classes are available for all engaged and married couples who are interested. Clergy, religious and other interested people are welcome as participants will also learn about Catholic teaching on marriage and family.

October 15, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Bethany House, 3540 Chestnut Ave., Concord

November 19, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

St. Joseph, 2100 Pear St., Pinole

Classes in Spanish will be available soon.

EVENTS & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.

Opening Doors to Interfaith Spirituality

Mondays, October 2, 9 and 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland
510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

This three-part course offering explores core interfaith documents as a way of understanding the essential elements of interfaith practice and spirituality, including guidelines for dialogue with people from different ecclesiastical traditions. The global ethic of compassion is introduced as a unifying foundation for interfaith understanding and cooperation. The cost of this course is \$120.

Discerning the Sacred Images on the Canvas of Our Souls

Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland
510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

This course, part lecture and part experiential, will take you on a journey behind the scenes of a painting and into the creative process itself to see how God can be encountered there, in the hope that you will discover a pathway into your own unique gift of creativity. The cost of this course is \$95 and lunch is included.

NEW! Three Biblical Narratives for the Present American Moment

Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Saint Mary's College of California, Soda Center, 1928 St Mary's Rd., Moraga
Fr. Dave Gentry-Akin 925-631-4790 dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu

Professor M. Shawn Copeland, past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, will speak on three Biblical narratives for the present American Moment.

Transitus of St. Francis

Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
San Damiano Retreat Center, 71 Highland Dr., Danville
925-837-9141

SanDamiano.org

All are welcome to an evening service for the Transitus of St. Francis.

Feast of St. Francis Mass

Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 am
San Damiano Retreat Center, 71 Highland Dr., Danville
925-837-9141

SanDamiano.org

Everyone are Welcome! We will have Mass of Celebration for the Feast of St. Francis at 10:00 am.

Sacred Arts: Art and Nature

Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland
510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop... These words from Pope Francis, who is deeply concerned over our loss of a spiritual relationship with

nature, lay the foundation for an inquiry into the numinous life of the world we live in. Practices in silence, sensing, writing, movement and art-making will be the tools used to map our awareness of internal and external landscapes. This course will take place both indoors and in nature. The cost of this course is \$95 and lunch is included.

NEW! Installation of Fr. Nicholas Glisson & Reception

Sunday, October 8, 11:00 am

St. Mary Magdalen, 2005 Berryman St., Berkeley

Parish Office 510-526-4811 rsvp@marymagdalen.org

The Very Reverend George Mockel, Vicar General, will formally install Fr. Nicholas Glisson as Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in North Berkeley. A free lunch will be served immediately afterwards in the new Dominican Garden. Please let us know you're coming (specifying the numbers of adults & children) by emailing or calling the Parish Office, see above. Your donations of cheese, crackers, or side salads will augment the delicious meal!

Prayer in Chaos, Change, Commotion and Clutter

Tuesday – Wednesday, October 10 - 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland

510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

Are you too busy to pray? Yet do you long for a spiritual center that gives meaning and depth to even the craziest days? At the same time we know the need for prayer, we also face tremendous constraints on time. Let's explore how to live in an intimacy with Christ that transforms ordinary ways and places. People who work for social change are vulnerable to discouragement and burn-out. But reflective practices, woven through the day's fabric, can free us from fear. We'll consider what recent brain research shows about the effects of meditation on neural pathways. Finally, we'll see how the saints give human faces to these theories. The cost of this course is \$180 and lunch is included.

Wine and Hor d'oerves Fundraiser

Saturday, October 14, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Mercy Retirement and Care Center 3431 Foothill Blvd., Oakland

Krista Lucchesi 510-534-8547, ext. 369 klucchesi@eldercarealliance.org

Come help the Leo Center and Mercy Retirement and Care Center begin a new partnership as they raise funds for the Mercy Brown Bag Program and Mercy Retirement and Care Center's Charitable Care program. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, live entertainment and wine and hor d'oerves for all. Tickets are \$25.00. Please RSVP by October 2.

NEW! Renée Bondi in Pleasanton

Saturday, October 14, 6:30 pm

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

CatholicsOfPleasanton.org

Almost 30 years ago, Renée Bondi had a bizarre accident that left her quadriplegic. Her life changed overnight. Despite tremendous challenges, Renée trusted in the Lord and He has been faithful! Today, Renée is a top selling Catholic recording artist and a gifted national speaker and author. Treat yourself to an evening that includes stories of God's faithfulness. You will laugh and be inspired. Consider inviting the person in your life that needs an extra dose of encouragement.

NEW! Ecce Homo! Devotional Expressions of Hardship and Healing in the Americas

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Blackfriars Gallery, DSPT, 2301 Vine St., Berkeley

Dspt.edu/ecce-homo

All are welcome to join us for the opening day reception in the Blackfriars Gallery on the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology campus. Light refreshments will be served.

This collection of Spanish Colonial and Mexican traditional and folk artwork is comprised of pieces that had been collected over the years by the late Michael Morris, OP.

One of the goals of this exhibit is to explore the question "What is a human person?" through the lens of religious culture and art, proposing answers of a spiritual nature. Drawing upon the exclamation of Pilot to the public after having Jesus scourged, Ecce Homo ("Behold the man"), the exhibition brings forth a fundamental aspect of the human experience – suffering. Whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual, suffering challenges humanity at its very core.

NEW! Pasta Dinner at San Damiano

Sunday, October 15, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville

925-837-9141

SanDamiano.org

Join San Damiano Retreat Center for their monthly pasta dinner. Dinner for adults is \$15 and \$10 for children 12 and under.

Sacred Arts: Mandala

Tuesday, October 17, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland

510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

The mandala (from a Sanskrit word for circle) is an ancient sacred symbol that interweaves spiritual, psychological, and physical aspects of personal and cultural beliefs. In many traditions, the mandala diagrams the origins of creation and is an organizing force through which spiritual energy is accessed. In contemporary times, the psychologist Carl Jung explored this potent form as the central energy from which an individual's growth and movement toward wholeness originate. This course focuses on a personal exploration of the mandala through a variety of experiential exercises. Coursework includes meditative practices such as mindfulness and a variety of creative practices including collage, mixed media and poetry. The cost of this course is \$95 and lunch is included.

NEW! The World Will be Saved by Beauty

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Saint Mary's College of California, Soda Center, 1928 Saint Mary's Rd., Moraga

Fr. Dave Gentry-Akin 925-631-4790 dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu

Kate Hennessy, the granddaughter of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, speaks about her new book *Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of my Grandmother*. This event is free and open to the Public.

RECITALS & CONCERTS

Holy Spirit Parish

37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont

Irene Jenkins 510-703-8348 info@holyspiritfremont.org

This benefit concert is a sister parish outreach for the children's scholarship fund of St. Joseph the Worker, Ndungu Parish, Tanzania. Music Director George Hernandez will lead the Philippine Saringhimig Singers in an unforgettable evening. [Download the flyer](#). Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased from the parish office or by contacting Irene Jenkins, see above.

10/21 Exultate Deo: An Evening with the Philippine Saringhimig Singers

St. Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough St. at Geary, San Francisco

415-456-2020, ext., 213

StMaryCathedralSF.org

The following Sunday Recitals are free to the public and begin at 4:00 pm unless otherwise indicated, with ample free parking:

10/8 Christoph Tietze, Organist
10/15 Philip Manwell (Reno, NV), Organist
10/22 Emanuele Cardi (Austria), Organist
10/29 Raymond Hawkins (NC), Organist

RETREATS

Please contact retreat center directly for further registration information.

San Damiano Retreat Center

710 Highland Dr., Danville

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SanDamiano.org

Fall Book Series: "Seven Sacred Pauses"
September 12 – October 24 (Tuesdays)

Free Working Retreat
October 8 – 12

Mystical Spirituality: How We Evolve Into Who We Really Are
November 4

Men's Cursillo

Holy Redeemer Center, 8945 Golf Links Rd., Oakland

Jackie Palacios 510-332-3573 jackiepalacios@yahoo.com

Men's Cursillo Retreat
October 5 – 8

Women's Cursillo Retreat
October 19 – 22

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Cook—St. Joseph Parish, Fremont

Gina Mehta 510-656-2364 ginastjoseph@yahoo.com

Are you a good cook? Are you available in the afternoons Monday through Friday? Would you like to help our two priests with their dinners and get compensated for it? Then our position as cook may just be the right fit for you! Join our St. Joseph Team! A part-time position is available immediately for weekday work at the rectory for a cook. This position requires cooking and meal-planning (in conjunction with the pastor) and grocery shopping (mileage is reimbursed). Regular hours for the position are Monday – Friday 4 hours a day / 20 hours per week, with additional hours for monthly staff lunches and the occasional special dinner. This position is classified as S-3. For further details, please contact Gina Mehta, see above.

NEW! President—Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley

Fiona Doyle trustees@stmchs.org

Saint Mary's is a Lasallian Catholic high school founded in San Francisco in 1863 and located in Berkeley since 1927. Saint Mary's is a coed, college-preparatory school with a diverse student body of 630 students. It has been conducted by the De La Salle Christian Brothers since 1868.

The start date is July 1. Compensation and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience. Deadline to apply is November 30. [View the full position profile](#). Please submit application package, electronically only, to trustees@stmchs.org.

Qualified candidates are invited to apply for this opportunity by submitting the following documents: resume, cover letter describing your unique qualifications for this role, and a brief description of your vision for Catholic educational leadership.

For more information, or questions, please email Fiona Doyle, Chair, Board of Trustees, see above.

NEW! Registrar—Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley

The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) is a small graduate school within the Graduate Theological Union. We are committed to the integration of philosophy and theology. Our community of scholars brings together religious spirituality and practice with disciplined intellectual inquiry. We are looking for a new registrar to join our team! This position could be part-time or full-time depending on the candidate. For more information, visit dspt.edu/employment.

Accompanist—St. Michael Parish, Livermore

JaNet Hancock 925-292-5071 music@stmichaellivermore.com

Located in the Livermore Valley, St. Michael Parish is currently seeking a keyboard accompanist (piano and organ) for the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday Masses each weekend. Applicants should be proficient in traditional and contemporary musical styles, be experienced in playing Catholic Masses, possess good sight-reading skills and be available for weekly Thursday night rehearsals and other special celebrations as needed. Familiarity with organ manual technique and registrations will also be helpful. Compensation will be made per Mass and in accordance with Liturgical Musician pay scales set by the Diocese of Oakland. For questions, please contact JaNet Hancock, see above.

All interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to

music@stmichaellivermore.com by October 13.

Cashier—The Cathedral Shop, Oakland

Michele Angeli Zaugg giftshop@ctlcathedral.org

The primary function of this position is sales and customer service. The position includes duties such as cash handling, customer service, merchandising and miscellaneous clerical duties. Retail experience preferred. This is a part-time, hourly position (8-12 hours per week) with full-time potential. The Cathedral shop is staffed from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm daily.

If interested, please contact Michele Angeli Zaugg, see above.